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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MAY 2, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

In connection with a mail cover being maintained in  
Wichita, Kansas, in an effort to locate Milton Lett, a tracing  
has been received of a letter addressed to Mr. Bill Lucas,  
417 Lulu, Wichita, Kansas, bearing the return address "Mrs. H.G.  
Lucas, 623 East A Street, Atoka, Oklahoma".

Inasmuch as the handwriting is very similar to that  
of Lucille Ferris Lett it is requested that appropriate investi-  
gation be conducted at Atoka, Oklahoma to determine the identity  
of the sender, and ascertain whether it is possible that Milton  
Lett or his wife are contacting this individual.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 30, 1936

Mr. Walter Johnson,  
Post Office Inspector  
in Charge,  
New Post Office,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it will be appreciated if you will place a 30 day cover on all first class mail addressed to Mr. and Mrs. WILSON, 1533 Austin Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, and forward tracings thereof to this office.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 1-1936  
 1111 Front St.  
 Detroit, Mich.  
 Dear Sir:  
 I am writing you regarding  
 the KARPIS  
 case. I hope I can  
 please send me  
 pictures of the  
 men who are  
 in the case. I do  
 not know who they  
 are. I hope you  
 can help me. I  
 am very interested  
 in the case.

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Post Office Box 111,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
May 2, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

The following quoted letter was received by the  
United States Attorney here. It is suggested that you lo-  
cate Oscar Wilhoffe at 209 Briggs Street, Joliet, Illinois,  
for an interview:

"General Delivery  
Peoria, Illinois  
April 29, 1936.

"U. S. District Attorney  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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7-576-1104

Dear Sir:

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"About two (2) months ago I was talking to a  
gentleman who informed me that he knew the location  
and names of most of the people involved in the kid-  
napings of Hamm and Bremer. At the time I urged him to  
report his information to you, he stated that he would  
but he was afraid that they would take his life. It  
seems as though that those who are involved are some of  
his relatives. When he stayed with them he thought that  
they were giving him poison in his food.

"If you will promise him full protection I am  
certain that he can give you some valuable information.  
His name is Oscar Wilhoffe. He sometimes stays with a  
relative at 209 Briggs St., Joliet, Ill. You must ex-  
ercise extreme caution in trying to reach him at this  
address. He is supposed to be back in Peoria almost  
any time. If I see him I will notify you of his new  
address.

"You will please keep my name strictly confidential at any and all times.

"Yours truly,

F. J. KEENEING."

Very truly yours,

C.W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC:SEC  
cc-Bureau  
St. Louis

W. Library Comm  
May 3-1936

Mr J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir

Would I be asking to big a favor to let me have something that Alvin Karpis had on in possession when he was captured, that is something that would be of no use to you, and would mean a lot to my collection as I have over 200 coins from all over the world, I would like to get the strain that he wore or tie a anything you see fit to send, 7-576-1106  
I am enclosing one dollar for postage

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Yours  
Joseph P. Phelan  
1575 East Main

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May 7, 1936

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Mr. Joseph P. Phelan,  
575 East Main Street,  
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Dear Sir:

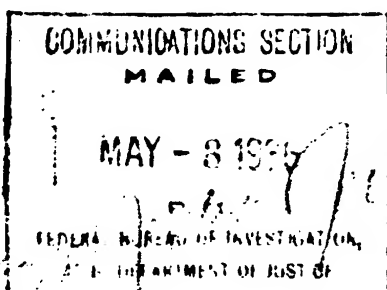
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 3, 1936, and advise you that your request for a portion of the personal belongings of Alvin Karpis, which you desire to be added to your collection, cannot be complied with.

The one dollar bill which you transmitted is therefore being returned.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1124478  
no enclosures retained in Bureau files  
REGISTERED MAIL  
cc-New York



100. 120. 130.  
San Francisco, California.  
April 20, 1936

*over*  
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. J. A. Johnston, Warden,  
United States Penitentiary,  
Alcatraz Island,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir: Re: BREKID

In accordance with arrangements made  
between Deputy Warden Shuttleworth and Special Agent  
W. C. Norant, of this office, will you kindly ar-  
range to have this office furnish & with copies of  
all incoming or outgoing mail of the following named  
prisoners, until further notice?

Thomas Holden, #138

Francis Keating, #120

In furnishing the above information, it  
would be appreciated if you would also show the name  
and address of the parties writing to these prisoners,  
as well as the name and addresses of the persons to  
whom they write. This mail cover should extend over  
a period of thirty days.

Thanking you for your cooperation and  
assistance in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

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J. L. Little, Special Agent in Charge  
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MAY 2, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

With reference to the letter from the Cleveland Office to the Kansas City Office dated February 27, 1936, relative to the automobile that Milton Lett was driving; namely, 1935 Ford V-8 Coach bearing 1935 Kansas license plates 5-11020, and with further reference to letter from the Kansas City Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated April 15, 1936, which furnished information obtained from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Topeka, Kansas, with the request that the Oklahoma City Office conduct investigation at Coffeyville, Kansas, it is suggested that the results of this investigation be furnished to the Kansas City Office in order that it may be determined whether the results of said investigation would merit the circularization of the various field offices in the Bureau in order that appropriate "stop" notices may be placed against this car. The latest information in possession of the Kansas City Office is that said automobile is in possession of Milton Lett's brother, who resides on a farm near South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-28-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/15, 16, 17, 21/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>T. E. Billings RS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.</b>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Father of William Elmer Mead not located in Los Angeles, and no information regarding him secured. Katie Nyburger who corresponded with Mead while he was in Colorado Penitentiary probably Mrs. Catherine Nyberger who is working in Los Angeles as a maid. Individual reported residing in Corona, Calif., who has information regarding Mead, but efforts to locate this party were unsuccessful.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, Colo., dated 12-9-35; report of Special Agent R. C. Surran, Chicago, Ill., dated 1-6-36.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">It will be noted from reference reports that while WILLIAM ELMER MEAD was confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary from 1923 to 1925 he corresponded with his father, A. F. or A. T. or A. S. or A. L. or A. G. MEAD at 123 North San Pedro and 228 East Second Street, Los Angeles, California. It should be noted that both of these addresses are occupied by cheap hotels which are patronized almost exclusively by old men either on pensions or on relief. Inquiry was made of Mr. A. T. HERMES, Manager of the hotel located at 123 North San Pedro, Los Angeles, who</p>			
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advised that he had been manager for the past year and that during this period no one by the name of Mead had resided there. He stated that the registration records prior to that time had been destroyed. According to Mr. Hermes this hotel is owned by Dr. A. E. JOHNSON, 424 South Broadway, Los Angeles, and that the hotel has been the property of the Johnson family for many years.

Inquiry was made of several old men who it was reported by Mr. Hermes had lived at the hotel for the past several years, but none of them could recall anyone by the name of Mead.

JACK CLANCY, Manager of the hotel at 228 East SECOND Street, Los Angeles, advised that he had been manager of the hotel for the past eighteen months, and that no party by the name of Mead had resided there during that period, and that the registration records prior to that time have been destroyed so far as he has any knowledge. He referred agent to PERRY JOHNSON and JIM HOWARD, both of whom reside at 332 East Second Street, who previously resided at this hotel. Both of these men stated that they were residing at 228 East Second Street during the period from 1923 to 1925, but that they could not recall a party by the name of Mead. C. W. ROSS, an old timer who lives at 230 East Second Street, which is another hotel of the same character as those mentioned above, advised that he recalls a PAT MEAD, whose initials he believes were P. G. and who was about 71 years of age, who resided at this address for several years but left about three years ago for San Francisco, California, and that it is his understanding that Pat Mead is presently residing at the Colton House in San Francisco. Mr. Ross could give no information regarding the Colton House, but stated that it was a hotel patronized exclusively by pensioners and men on relief.

DR. A. E. JOHNSON, 424 South Broadway, Los Angeles, advised that his brother, JOE JOHNSON, who died approximately one year ago, had previously had control of the hotel at 228 East Second Street, Los Angeles, but after his death all records pertaining to tenants at the hotel had been destroyed. He could not furnish the name of anyone who would be familiar with the tenants during the period in question. He advised further that M. (FRANK) WATANABE, presently manager of the Wawana Hotel, 535 Wall Street, Los Angeles, previously managed the hotel at 123 North San Pedro and could probably furnish information regarding parties who resided there during the period from 1923 to 1925. Mr. Watanabe was interviewed and produced the register for the hotel at 123 North San Pedro for 1927. This was checked but no registration was found for anyone by the name of Mead. Mr. Watanabe could not advise as to the whereabouts of other registers of the hotel and he could not recall any tenant at the hotel by the name of Mead.

Inquiry was made at the Main Post Office, Los Angeles, and it was ascertained that the removal orders for the period in question had been destroyed and no removal order was found on file for a party by the name of Mead from 228 East Second Street or 123 North San Pedro, Los Angeles.

Reference reports also show that William Elmer Mead, while at the Colorado State Penitentiary, corresponded with KATIE NYBURGER, 171 South Hosier Street, Los Angeles, California. Inasmuch as there is no "Hosier" Street in Los Angeles, it was assumed that this was probably "Hoover" Street.

JOHN T. LEONARD, carrier, Post Office Substation located at Third Street and Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, advised that J. C. VAN TREES and family have resided for many years at 171 South Hoover Street and he could not recall delivering mail for anyone by the name of Nyburger. According to Mr. Leonard, Van Trees is employed as a cameraman for Paramount Studios. HAROLD YOUNG, Assistant Director, Paramount Studios, advised that he is personally acquainted with J. C. Van Trees who was previously employed at the studios as a cameraman but who is presently employed by Technicolor Studios. Mr. Young stated that Van Trees was a reliable man and he was certain that he could be approached in confidence.

DON VAN TREES, 171 South Hoover, Los Angeles, advised that he is the son of J. C. Van Trees and that his mother and father were out of the city for several weeks. He recalled that several years ago his grandmother employed a maid by the name of CATHERINE NYBERGER, but stated that his grandmother has been dead for the past three years and that neither he nor his parents could furnish any information regarding the present whereabouts of Mrs. Nyberger. The 1936 City Directory of Los Angeles lists Mrs. Catherine Nyberger, Maid, as residing at 1039 South Berendo, Los Angeles. It is believed that this party is the same party as was employed at 171 South Hoover Street as a maid, and further investigation regarding her will be conducted.

Some time ago a letter was received from F. F. LABRUM, Chief Criminal Deputy, Sheriff's Office, Riverside, California, advising that a party had reported that he had information regarding W. E. MEAD who was reported to have made certain negotiations in the Bremer kidnaping case and who was supposed to be a member of the Dillinger gang. Mr. Labrum further advised that his informant had stated that Mead was known as the "CHRISTIAN KID."

AT RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA.

Inquiry was made at the Sheriff's Office and agent was advised that Mr. Labrum is presently stationed at Palm Springs, California. Agent telephonically communicated with Mr. Labrum who advised that he could not recall the identity of the party referred to in his letter but did recall that the party resided at Corona, California, which is located in Riverside County. He stated that he had made certain notes regarding this matter at the time the letter was written to this office, but that these notes had now been destroyed.

W. W. WALRATH, Undersheriff, advised that he recalled someone coming to the office and furnishing information regarding a W. E. Mead, but he could not recall any of the particulars except that it was his recollection that the informant resided at Corona, California.

MISS RUTH CLARK, Clerk in the Sheriff's Office, searched the files and located a copy of the letter addressed to this office but could find no further information regarding the particular matter.

AT CORONA, CALIFORNIA.

At Corona, California, Chief of Police ELIAS GARNER, who is the only police officer of the town except the traffic officer, advised that he faintly recalls some citizen of the town reporting that he had information regarding W. E. Mead, but he could not advise as to the identity of this individual. Both Chief Garner and Deputy Sheriff Labrum advised that they would make further efforts to determine the identity of informant and would immediately communicate with this office.

In accordance with the letter from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, addressed to the Cincinnati office under date of January 27, 1936, Special Agent James G. Findlay of this office contacted Captain WALLACE and Detective DANIEL LUNG of the Fresno Police Department, Fresno, Calif., as well as O. J. KING, Investigator for the County Attorney's office, and furnished them identification orders as well as additional photographs on William Elmer Mead, requesting their cooperation in locating Mead in connection with their investigations of confidence schemes within their territories. Special Agent A. B. Leckie contacted the Chief of Detectives, Glendale Police Department, Glendale, Calif., and furnished him with identification orders and photographs of William Elmer Mead with a request similar to that outlined above.

The bunco details of other principal police departments in this territory are being contacted from time to time regarding Mead.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, at San Francisco, California, will endeavor to locate PAT MEAD at the Colton House and ascertain whether he is the father of William Elmer Mead.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Los Angeles, California, will conduct appropriate discreet investigation to determine if MRS. CATHERINE NYBERGER, 1039 South Berendo, is acquainted with William Elmer Mead, and will determine if he has contacted her in the recent past and will make arrangements to be advised should he contact her at any time in the future.

PENDING.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

DWM:aw  
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326 1/2 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
May 1, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Kindly be informed that Special Agent W. J. McNulty arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, at 5:25 p. m. on April 29, 1936.

Special Agent C. O. Hurt arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, at 11:20 p. m. on April 30, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, accompanied by Special Agent W. L. Buchanan, arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, at 12 midnight on April 30, 1936.

All of the above designated Agents are on the Brekid case, and are all residing at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana. They are not to be contacted through that point, however, and information relative their location is to be treated confidentially.

Very truly yours,

*D. W. Magee*  
D. W. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 2nd, 1936.

J. EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU

WASHINGTON DC

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Dear Sir. I notice that there is being a great move by the lawless class in this section of the country to block the execution of Arthur Gooch and that your department is investigating his record.

So I am furnishing the name of one of the class of the name ones here. A man by name of Ross at Bowlegs 3 miles south of here has been going to Muskogee and other places taking a great hand in this and intimidating the Juror. and some of the officers says he has a rope hanging on the side of his car with a hangmans not tied in it and some of them made him take it off. This man is a noted bootlegger and that is all he has done since the oil boom started and is still at it and should be investigated by some of your men as the officers here does not try to enforce the booze law.

I see the good news in the paper this an of the arrest of Alvin Karpis and his pals this is fine work and I am glad none of your men got hurt and also proud you were leading the chase as maybe it will help some of the Public enemies you did not mention their names will set up and take notice that you and your men do not advertise your business like the Okla officers does. and get the job done without a news paper man hanging on their coat tail.

Yours truly

David T. Nowlin (signed)

DAVID T. NOWLIN

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/1/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/20, 21/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>KENNETH LOGAN - 0</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1236; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

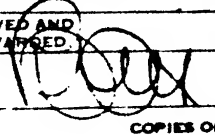
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Morningside State Bank, Morningside, Iowa held up and robbed by four unknown, unmasked white men at 2:30 P.M., April 20, 1936. Information communicated to this office that one of bandits had been identified as Alvin Karpis. Subsequent investigation disclosed that in all probability it was not Karpis. Local law enforcement officers have no information as to the identity of the bandits and have no leads on which to work. Modus Operandi report forwarded to Bureau.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation is based upon a telephonic report to this office by Paul Gruber, Investigator for the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation, under date of April 23, 1936 at which time Gruber informed Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt that from his, Gruber's investigation of the robbery of the Morningside State Bank at Sioux City, Iowa on April 20, 1936, that it was his belief that Alvin Karpis was one of the bandits, his belief being based upon the fact that two of the bank employees, Mrs. Hubbard and James David had identified the photograph of Karpis; further that the car used in the robbery

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was supposed to have been stolen in Minneapolis about one week prior to the robbery and also that Karpis was in Minneapolis about twelve days prior to the robbery. Gruber further advised that Indiana license plates # 545-087 were used on the bandit car and said plates were stolen from a car at Logansport, Indiana; Gruber further states that a garage attendant in Sioux City where the bandits had the brakes on their car adjusted a short time prior to the robbery had been unable to identify any of the men in the car as being Karpis.

Mr. Gruber in concluding his conversation inquired of Mr. Alt whether he would have any objection to giving publicity to the rumor or allegation that Karpis was one of the robbers in instant case. Mr. Gruber was informed that investigation of this robbery was, of course, his responsibility and that he, Alt had no comments to make concerning any publicity given this case, however, he did not desire to have any Bureau connection shown or indicated in the investigation of this case.

Mr. Alt telephonically communicated the above mentioned fact to Mr. Tamm of the Bureau and was advised by Mr. Tamm that the Bureau had no information whatsoever as to the location of Karpis and it was possible that Karpis could have been one of the robbers in this case, and to obtain all information possible to determine if Karpis was one of the perpetrators, accordingly the following investigation was conducted.

W. L. Ayers, is cashier of the Morningside State Bank. He was informed by Agent that this Bureau had no jurisdiction in the matter whatsoever, but in view of the fact that we had received word that possibly Alvin Karpis was one of the bandits, or had been identified as such, that this Bureau was interested in that angle of the case.

Mr. Ayers advised that at about noon on April 20, 1936 some unknown party had called the bank and wanted to know what time the bank closed in the afternoon and that this unknown party had been advised that the bank closed promptly at 2:30 P.M. Mr. Ayers stated that at the time this inquiry was made he did not think anything about it, because inquiries of that kind were not unusual, however, after the bank had been held up, he remembered of this incident and it is his opinion that the call came from one of the bank robbers.

Mr. Ayers further advised that at exactly 2:30 P.M. that afternoon when the bank was just ready to close the doors, four men entered the bank, all together; that the first one in the bank had yelled "stick them

up, this is a stick-up;" further that one of the bank employees, a Mr. C.D. Nissen who was behind the cages had made a run for the basement door and the first bandit again yelled "don't run" but Nissen had kept on going towards the door and the bandit had fired at him, however, the bullet had struck one of the iron bars in front of the cage and was deflected, no one being hit by the bullet, and Mr. Nissen succeeded in getting into the basement and stayed there during the entire robbery. Mr. Ayers further stated that one of the bank employees who was working in one of the cages just off the main work room of the bank, ducked down behind the counter when the bandit fired at Nissen and this employee was not found by the bandits at all, in fact the bandits did not even enter her cage to get what money there was in it. Mr. Ayers advised that after the bandit fired at Nissen, two of the other bandits vaulted over the low counter at the front part of the bank and one of them had come into his office and forced him and Mr. Scott, President of the bank to come out into the lobby of the bank where they were kept covered by the bandit during the robbery; the other bandit covered the other bank employees who were behind the counter, making them back up against the wall and the third bandit came back behind the cages and gathered up all the currency and silver that was in the cages in the main work room of the bank, however, this bandit did not go into the cage that was just around the end of the counter, nor did he go into the vault which was open and did not ask any of the employees if there was any more money. This bandit did not have a sack to put the money in, but stuffed it in his pockets. Mr. Ayers advised that none of the employees were forced to lie on the floor or to turn their faces to the wall, nor were they all forced to congregate together, but were left standing in two groups, each group guarded by a bandit. Mr. Ayers advised that when the bandit had all the money in sight, that the leader said "lets go" and "take them with us", meaning the bank employees. They all left the bank together and the bandits got into their car which was parked about two doors down the street from the bank entrance, and made two bank employees stand on each running board of the car; that the driver of the car had the ignition key in his pocket and had trouble getting the car started, however, when he did get it started he drove away very slow and did not drive over 35 or 40 miles an hour until after the hostages were released near the edge of the city. Mr. Ayers advised that he noticed two guns lying on the floor of the car and they appeared to be shot guns; further that the only guns used by the bandits in the bank were all large caliber revolvers, either .38 or .45 caliber.

The following descriptions of the bandits is a composite description, furnished by the various bank employees, and is about as accurate as it will be possible to obtain:

No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
Age: 34	36	35	30
Height: 5' 6"	5' 8"	5' 8"	5' 6"
Weight: 145#	160#	150#	145#
Build: Med.-	Med.	Med.	Med.
Complexion: Med.-fair	Ruddy	Med.-dark	Med.-dark
Hair: —	—	Brown	Brown
Eyes: —	—	—	—
Twisted mouth when talking and squinted eyes.	Face sharp. Dark coat and trousers.	Chewed gum rapidly, not opening mouth. Dark hat and suit.	Drove car. Face slender. Dark suit. Gray topcoat.

Tulsa Oklahoma Police photograph of Alvin Karpis #8008 along with a number of other photographs which were in possession of Krieter were exhibited to Mr. Ayers, but he was unable to make any identification of any of them and when he came to the photograph of Karpis, he picked it out and said, "that is the one the other employees had picked, but he could not identify it." Mr. Ayers advised that the bandit who resembled the photograph of Karpis was up in the back part of the lobby during the robbery and he, Ayers, did not get a chance to see him, not even when they were in the get-away car.

The same photographs were exhibited to John Scott, President of the Morningside State Bank and he also picked out the photograph of Karpis and advised Agent that it resembled one bandit very much, but he would not state positively that it was he, and when Mr. Scott was questioned as to the position this particular bandit took in the bank during the robbery he was unable to say whether this bandit was the one in the lobby of the bank, the one who gathered up the money or one of the bandits who had guarded the employees, neither could Mr. Scott state whether this particular bandit drove the get-away car, sat with the driver, or sat in the back seat. Mr. Scott's demeanor while being questioned was very uncooperative and gave the writer the opinion that he, Scott, did not have a very clear recollection what did take place during the robbery and would not be able to make any identification of any of the bandits.

The photographs were exhibited to James David, bookkeeper and he also selected the photograph of Karpis as resembling the bandit that stood in the lobby of the bank and the one that had shot at C. D. Nissen, assistant cashier, however, Mr. David when questioned would not make any positive statement that it was Karpis and when questioned as to the physical description of this bandit, Mr. David furnished the following description: — 35 years,

5' 8", 150 lbs., slender build and dark shining eyes, but could not say what color hair he had. Mr. David advised that he had not made any positive identification of this man to any other officer, but merely told them that the photograph resembled the one bandit.

The photographs were exhibited to C. D. Nissen, Assistant Cashier, who was shot at. He picked the photograph of Karpis and at first stated that it was the bandit who had shot at him, however, when questioned as to what particular facial features he made his identification on, he was unable to say, except that the eyes looked the same. Mr. Nissen was asked in what manner he had selected the photograph of Karpis when he had first seen it, also who had first exhibited the photograph of Karpis to him and he advised that the first person to show him this particular photograph was a man from the Burns Detective Agency; that this man showed him the photograph of Karpis and stated "now this could be one of them." Mr. Nissen also advised that the Burns man and also the State men had seemed very pleased when he had selected the photograph of Karpis as resembling one of the bandits.

The photographs were exhibited to Mrs. Iva Hubbard, Stenographer and she also selected the photograph of Karpis as resembling the bandit who stood in the lobby of the bank and the one who shot at Nissen, however, she would not state positively that it was he, nor could she pick out any particular characteristic by which she made her selection of this particular photograph.

Rose Bagby, bookkeeper, and the employee who ducked down behind the counter when the bandit fired at Nissen also selected the photograph of Karpis as resembling the one bandit, but advised Agent that it was only a general facial resemblance and she was not at all positive.

From the above investigation, it is not believed that Alvin Karpis was one of the bandits in instant robbery and the identification of his photograph by the various employees was in all probability made on the power of suggestion which it is evident was used by some of the investigating officers in this case.

Willis Thrall, employee of the Bendix Brake Service Station, 307 West Seventh Street, Sioux City, Iowa, the garage where the bandit car is alleged to have had their brakes adjusted was interviewed and the above mentioned photographs were exhibited to him and he was unable to make any selection of any of them. Then Agent selected the photograph of Karpis from the group and asked Mr. Thrall if that looked like any of the men that were in the car and he stated that it did NOT.

After making the above investigation, Agent contacted Paul Gruber, Special Agent of the Iowa State Department of Justice and without advising Mr. Gruber that the Writer had made any investigation in the matter whatsoever, questioned Mr. Gruber for any and all information he could furnish. Mr. Gruber advised Agent that four of the bank employees had positively identified the photograph of Karpis as being one of the bandits. Mr. Gruber advised that he had taken a bunch of photographs to the bank and four of the employees picked out the photograph of Karpis without any hesitation, however, Mr. Gruber admitted that this was after the Burns Detective Agency Operative had previously shown the photograph of Karpis at the bank. Mr. Gruber advised that he had checked up on the car used by the bandits and had found that it had been stolen out of a garage at St. Paul, Minnesota at the point of a gun on April 20. Mr. Gruber when questioned how he knew it was the same car advised "well it was the same kind as the one described by the bank employees and the garage man where they had their brakes fixed."

Tom Farley, Chief of Detectives, Sioux City, Iowa Police Department was interviewed relative to whether or not he had any information that Karpis was one of the robbers in this case and he advised Agent that he had no information to that effect; that the Police Department had been conducting their own investigation in this case and had not worked in conjunction with either the State agents or the Sheriff's office and to date there had been nothing that would indicate to him that Karpis was one of the bandits.

The Writer learned through various contacts with the local law enforcement officers who are investigating the above mentioned robbery, that they had no idea who the perpetrators of this crime may be, and they have no leads on which to work.

Bank Robbery Modus Operandi Report of instant bank robbery is being furnished the Bureau with their copies of this report.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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May 1, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Fred Hunter

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum concerning  
Fred Hunter prepared by Supervisor McIntire.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	✓
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Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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May 1, 1936

MEMORANDUM

Fred Hunter is about thirty-five years of age, having spent a considerable portion of his life in the vicinity of Warren and Leavittsburg, Ohio. At an early age he became known as a high class gambler. He has been employed as a card dealer and a "stick-man" in dice games and as a salesman of gambling equipment. He was at one time employed as a card dealer for the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, where he was employed by James "Shimmy" Patton and Arthur Hebebrand. It was undoubtedly through this employment that he became acquainted with Milton Lett, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. Hunter is also a cock fighting enthusiast and has appeared at cock fighting carnivals in various parts of the United States.

Investigation disclosed that Hunter joined up with Karpis as early as March of 1935, it being recalled that Karpis escaped from the Danmor Hotel in Atlantic City on January 20, 1935. Hunter has continued his association with Karpis since that time. The paramour and associate of Hunter is one Connie Morris, alias Ruth Hamm. The paramour and associate of Alvin Karpis has been one Grace Goldstein, who is now a confidential informant of this Bureau. Hunter associated with Karpis, Connie Morris and Grace Goldstein at the cottage at Potash, Sulphur Springs, near Hot Springs, Arkansas and on Thursday, March 26, 1936, Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis and Connie Morris fled from the said cottage just prior to the raid made at that point by Bureau Agents.

The Garrettsville mail robbery occurred during the afternoon of November 7, 1935. Investigation disclosed that the following persons participated in the holdup - Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Fred Hunter, John Brock and Sam, believed to be identical with Burrhead Keady. Investigation further strongly indicates that this holdup was financed by Joe Roscoe, a Toledo gambler, and proprietor of houses of prostitution and that the loot was taken immediately to the home of John Zetzer, where it was distributed as follows:

Alvin Karpis	\$5,100
Harry Campbell	5,100
Fred Hunter	5,100
John Brock	5,100
Sam	5,100
John Zetzer	1,000 (for disposing of the evidence and a Plymouth auto used in the job).

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John Zetzer	\$1,500 (for purchase of plane and trips to Hot Springs, Arkansas and Tulsa, Oklahoma from Port Clinton, Ohio.)
Joe Roscoe	5,000 (which amount was advanced to the gang to finance the robbery)
Joe Roscoe	1,000 (For services rendered)

It is indicated that a total of \$34,000 was the actual loot taken in this robbery.

On the night of November 6, 1935 numerous members of this gang remained at the home of Clyde Rochat, near Newton Falls, Ohio. On November 7, 1935, these persons were driven by Clyde Rochat to a point nearby, where they were picked up by Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, who were driving a Plymouth sedan. According to John Brock, one of the actual participants in this crime, the Garrettsville robbery was cased by Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter, Hunter having knowledge as to when employees were paid in the mills at Warren, Ohio. Karpis and Hunter went over the road at least three times in preparing the getaway charts.

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

May 2nd, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your telegraphic request of May 1st, 1936, I am forwarding herewith by air mail, special delivery, twelve copies of the photograph of Sam Coker.

Very truly yours,

IJM  
enc.

D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau

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Sir:  
I was in a room  
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of Newark, N.J. Mary  
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her & her mother & brother  
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working on a friendly  
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description of the man  
pictured as Alvin Karpis  
in the New York Daily Mirror  
of April 22 and the  
man with the signature  
is running the place may  
be Campbell but he has

a foreigner who  
speaking although I like  
the English all right  
hoping you may be  
able to secure your men  
although I do not wish  
to be connected in any  
way with your  
good government as well  
as honest citizens

A. W. Howard  
#210-244  
Newark  
N.J.

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May 1, 1958

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I wish to thank you for your letter of April 14, 1936, in which you furnish certain information with regard to the location of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell.

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**John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.**

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
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Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

cc-Trenton  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
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P. J. Connelley.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF SCHENECTADY  
NEW YORK  
WILLIAM H. FUNNISTON  
CHIEF OF POLICE

May 3, 1936

My dear Mr. Harbo -  
The capture of Karpis  
by you and your men has been  
the outstanding piece of police  
work in a long time, and so  
let me send my sincere  
congratulations to all.

Sincerely yours  
Wm. H. Funniston

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May 8, 1936.

Mr. William E. Tunstun,  
Chief of Police,  
Schenectady, New York.

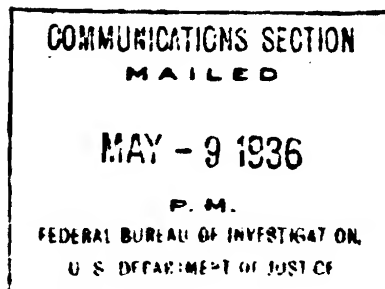
My dear Chief:

I have received your letter, dated  
May 3, 1936, and want you to know how deeply  
grateful I am for your congratulations and  
commendation concerning this Bureau's recent  
apprehension of Alvin Karpis. You may be  
assured that his capture was a source of great  
satisfaction to the personnel of the FBI.

With best wishes and kind regards,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Boardman.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
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DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. SAC FLETCHER EXPECTS TO ARRANGE TRIP TOMORROW WITH INFORMANT  
AS TO RECOVERY GANG GUNS. HE WILL HAVE TWO OTHER AGENTS WITH HIM FOR PRO-  
TECTION HIJACKING IF GUNS FOUND AND OTHERWISE. HE WILL CALL ME FURTHER AS TO  
DETAILS ARRANGED. WHEN AGENT SURAN RETURNS FROM JACKSONVILLE AND COMPLETES  
ANY DETAILS NECESSARY AT ST PAUL EXPECT TO PLACE SURAN AND AGENT SULLIVAN AT  
TOLEDO TO EXPEDITE WORK THERE AS BOTH THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR DETAILS AND AGENT  
SURAN CAN DIRECT AND PUSH WORK WHEN I AM NOT THERE. EXPECT TO BE TOLEDO MY-  
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Washington, D. C.

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May 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Suydam called and wanted to know if there was any truth to the statement that Mr. John Zetter of Port Clinton, Ohio, a pilot, had flown Karpis several weeks ago from Port Clinton to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

I advised Mr. Suydam that in the absence of the Director, who was personally handling the Karpis Case, no comment could be made.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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May 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Suydam called this morning and desired to know where he could communicate with the Director and was advised that the Director at that time was en route to St. Paul with Subject Karpis.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 29, 1936.

Time - 3:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

SAC Fletcher telephoned me from the Little Rock Office where he has been in conference with Grace Goldstein concerning this matter. Grace has now agreed to tell all she knows about this matter, but she wants to tell it to Mr. Connelley and no one else, since Mr. Connelley told her on a previous occasion that he was the head man on the situation down there. In this regard, Mr. Fletcher said he wanted Bureau authority to proceed immediately to Jackson, Mississippi in an automobile with Grace Goldstein, and there meet Mr. Connelley who will come up from New Orleans. Jackson is about half way between New Orleans and Little Rock and is a desirable place for this interview between Mr. Connelley and Grace Goldstein to take place. I told Mr. Fletcher that we would authorize his taking this woman down there all right, but that it would be our recommendation that he take along a couple of Agents during the trip. Mr. Fletcher said that this Grace Goldstein is about the most delicate person to deal with he has ever seen; that at first she wanted Mr. Fletcher to take her alone, but finally consented to his taking another Agent along; however, he did not know whether he could persuade her to go with two more Agents or not. In view of this, I told Mr. Fletcher the Bureau would defer to his judgment in the situation, pointing out to him that our recommendation would be to take at least two more Agents along on the trip, but if it can't be worked out that way, his best judgment should be used, and we would abide by the same.

Mr. Fletcher said he plans to leave within 30 minutes for Jackson, and would try to get two Agents to go along.

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I talked with Mr. Connelley concerning this matter, and he said when he talked with Mr. Fletcher the first time about the matter, he wanted to bring her down to Jackson by himself, but Mr. Connelley said he told Fletcher to tell Grace that his, Connelley's, instructions were that two Agents should come with her. I pointed out to Mr. Connelley that I frankly do not have a lot of confidence in Mr. Fletcher in a situation such as this, and that I am somewhat concerned over this trip. Mr. Connelley suggested that possibly we could have another Agent or two follow the car in which Mr. Fletcher and Grace are in order to take care of any emergencies which might arise. This appears to be a good idea, and I told Mr. Connelley to call Fletcher at once and make arrangements in this regard.

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Relative to the question of manpower in this matter, Mr. Connelley is of the opinion he should make arrangements as to sending Agents to the place where the affair will take place as soon as he confers with Grace at Jackson. Of course, we do not know at this time just where they are - they may be in New Orleans, or on the other hand, they may be in Paris, Texas, and it would not be desirable to bring the men down into New Orleans before we know definitely where the subjects are. Thus, as soon as Mr. Connelley finds out from Grace where they are, he will get in touch with Mr. Brantley, have him get Agent Buchanan and go by Dallas and get Mr. Hurt and then proceed to a point of concentration.

The conference between Mr. Connelley and Grace will not take place before one or two o'clock in the morning, and the Bureau will be kept advised in the premises.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
May 2, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

Referring to your letter dated April 27, 1936 to the effect that Paul Hayes of Chapman Ranch, Texas originated at Randlett, Oklahoma, inquiry was conducted at Randlett, Oklahoma by Special Agent W. A. Giddens on April 27, 1936, who ascertained that Paul Hayes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hayes, residing at Rural Route #4, Randlett, Oklahoma. According to Mr. H. C. Carroll, rural mail carrier at Randlett, the Hayes family has resided in that community for at least the past twenty-five years, Mr. Hayes being a farmer with a fair reputation. According to Carroll, the Hayes family is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Paul, Mabel, age about nineteen or twenty, and possibly one or two younger boys. From investigation conducted, it appears that Paul Hayes was born at Randlett, Oklahoma and lived there all of his life until a few months ago when he moved to Texas, with the exception of a period of approximately two years (1932-35) when he served a sentence in the Oklahoma State Reformatory at Granite, Oklahoma.

Mr. Carroll further advised that he knows of no connection that Paul Hayes might have at Davidson, Oklahoma, except that he may have met some girl there when he visited Davidson, Oklahoma with a friend of his, Raymond Martin. Carroll explained that Martin, a close associate of Hayes, used to associate with a girl at Randlett and that this girl moved to Davidson, following which Martin and Hayes made several trips to Davidson. It is quite probable that on these trips Hayes met some girls at Davidson.

The records of the Court Clerk for Cotton County, Walters, Oklahoma, reflect that on June 1, 1932 Paul Hayes was sentenced to serve two years in the Granite Reformatory upon conviction of burglary.

A copy of Hayes' photograph has been obtained from the Oklahoma State Reformatory, which is being transmitted herewith for the use of the San Antonio Office. He is described as follows:

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Age - 17 (1932)  
Height - 5' 3"  
Weight - 118 lbs.  
Eyes - grey  
Hair - blond  
Complexion - fair  
Scars and Marks: Large boil scar 4" below  
waist line on col. 4" cut  
scar at knee cap on left inner.  
2" cut scar 5" below right knee.  
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A list of the correspondents of Hayes while incarcerated  
at Granite, is as follows:

Father and Mother: H. M. Hayes, Oswalt, Okla., now of Randlett, Okla.  
Brothers: Jewel - Lindon, both same address.  
Sister: Mabel, same address, also of Randlett, Okla.  
Friends: Ralph Johnson, Oswalt, Okla.  
Friends: Harvey Nelson, Randlett, Okla.  
Friend: Jack Kinsley, Brownhill, Texas.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.  
cc Bureau  
Dallas  
Little Rock  
Cleveland  
Cincinnati  
Chicago.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CTW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 27, 1936.

Time - 1:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
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Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

SAC MacFarland telephoned me from the Cleveland Office to report that the Post Office Inspectors have filed on Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, John Brock and Milton Lett in connection with the mail train robbery at Garrettsville. The Post Office Inspectors propose to go into Toledo and pick up our informant there, one Edith Barry, and hold her for questioning or for investigation. In this connection, Mr. MacFarland said he has talked with Mr. Connelley, and Mr. Connelley suggested that we pick Edith Barry up and hide her away until this thing blows over. Mr. MacFarland said that Edith Barry is of prime importance in the investigation at Toledo, and if she is picked up by the Post Office Inspectors and that fact gets into the papers, her value to us is gone. It is believed by Mr. MacFarland that she has played square with us in this matter with the possible exception of giving us the exact address where Campbell is at this time, and they propose to bring her to Cleveland and hold her voluntarily and with her consent in the office.

I discussed this situation with you, explaining my fears in the matter, and then told Mr. MacFarland that it would be all right with the Bureau for him to pick this woman up and bring her to Cleveland for questioning, provided she is not told she is being picked up to keep the Post Office Inspectors from getting custody of her. I pointed out to Mr. MacFarland that this woman is evidently tied up pretty well with the police out there, and the situation will have to be handled very carefully to prevent a "squawk" being sent up as a result of her disappearance.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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CAMPBELL ~~STORY~~ TOLD TO SHERIFF SANBERNARDINO UNTRUE AND TOLD TO

SHIELD TWO OTHER ASSOCIATES GIVING THEM TIME TO GET OUT OF

VICINITY WHERE MCDUGALL AND SMITH APPREHENDED

H-NSON JSB..

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U. S. Department of Justice  
326<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana,  
May 4, 1936.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREXIT

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding to the Bureau this date via Railway Express, under Government bill of lading number J-77803, the following loaded clips and boxes of ammunition, found among the personal effects of Alvin Karpis, who was apprehended at New Orleans, Louisiana on May 1, 1936:

- 3. Loaded .380 clips, found in zipper bag in Plymouth Coupe.
- 1. Loaded clip taken from .45 Colt Automatic, Government model found in bureau drawer in the bedroom of Fred Hunter at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, La.
- 1. loaded clip .45 calibre ammunition found in zipper bag in Fred Hunter's Plymouth Coupe.
- 1. loaded .380 clip found in zipper bag of Plymouth Coupe.
- 9. loaded .45 automatic pistol clips, found in brief case in Terraplane Coupe property of subject Karpis.
- 5. .250-3000 cartridges taken from Savage rifle Serial Number 304481.
- 1. Empty .22 clip found in the .22 calibre long range Colt Automatic taken from brown leather brief case located in Terraplane Coupe.
- 1. Carton containing 500 rounds .22 long rifle cartridges, found in Terraplane Coupe of subject Karpis.
- 1. Box of .350-300 Savage soft point cartridges found in zipper bag in Plymouth Coupe.

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cartridges found in zipper

1. Box of .380 automatic cartridges found in zipper bag in Plymouth Coupe, property of Fred Hunter.

4. full boxes of .250 cartridges;  
1. partly filled box .250 cartridges;  
2. full boxes .380 automatic cartridges,  
found in brief case in Terraplane Coupe.

16. .45 calibre automatic cartridges, found in zipper bag in Plymouth Coupe.

Very truly yours,

*D. W. Magee*  
D. W. Magee  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.  
Original and copy of  
Government Bill of Lading  
J-77803.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
7262 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
May 4, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding to the Bureau this date, certain weapons, flashlights and holsters, obtained from among the personal effects of Alvin Karpis, who was apprehended at New Orleans, La. on May 1, 1936.

1. .45 Colt Automatic, Serial #C-161847, found in brown leather brief case in Alvin Karpis' Terraplane Coupe, New Orleans, La.

1. .45 Colt Automatic, Government model, Serial number mutilated property of subject Alvin Karpis, found in bureau drawer of bedroom of Fred Hunter's apartment at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, La.

1. .22 calibre, long range, Colt Automatic, Ace model, Serial number mutilated, found in brown leather brief case located in Terraplane Coupe, property of subject Alvin Karpis. 480

1. .45 Colt Automatic, Government model, Serial number mutilated, found in brown leather brief case, Terraplane Coupe, property of subject Alvin Karpis.

1. .380 Colt Automatic, Serial 106616, found in zipper bag located in Fred Hunter's Plymouth Coupe, property of Alvin Karpis.

1. Savage lever action automatic, model 99, 250-.3000, calibre rifle, Serial number 304481, property of Alvin Karpis, found in Fred Hunter's Plymouth coupe.

1. .22 Automatic Remington Rifle, model 24 serial number 112132, with telescope sight attached, property of Alvin Karpis, found in Terraplane Coupe. MAY 15 1936

1. Brown leather brief case, found in Terraplane Coupe, property of Alvin Karpis.

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- 1. ✓ New hip holster for .32 automatic, found in Gladstone bag in Terraplane Coupe, property of Alvin Karpis.
- 1. ✓ New shoulder holster for automatic pistol, property of Alvin Karpis found in brown leather brief case in Karpis' Terraplane Coupe.
- 1. ✓ Hunting knife, property of subject Karpis, found in fishing tackle box, in Terraplane Coupe belonging to Karpis.
- 1. ✓ Eveready flashlight, property of Alvin Karpis, found in zipper bag in Plymouth Coupe.
- 1. ✓ Winchester flashlight, property of Alvin Karpis, found in Terraplane Coupe.
- 1. ✓ bottle of indelable ink found on dresser in bedroom at Fred Hunter's apartment at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, La.

The above listed articles are being forwarded to the Bureau by Railway Express Agency, Inc, Government bill of lading number J- 77803.

For your further information all loaded clips and boxes of ammunition found among the effects of subject Karpis, are being forwarded in a separate container, under an additional letter of transmittal.

Very truly yours,

*D. F. Magee*  
D. F. Magee,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 2, 1936.

Time; 5:25 A.M.

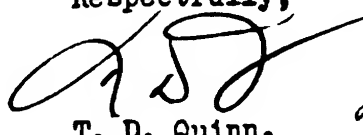
The Director said that the raid worked out perfectly; that they found subjects in the house, in the ground floor apartment, about noon on May 1st; that subjects left immediately thereafter, driving two autos and later returned with only one car. There were two men and one woman in the party. The raiding party went to the place about 5:15 P.M. which was the busiest time of the day, at the corner of Canal Street and Jeff Davis Boulevard. The raid was carefully planned. A group consisting of Connelley, Brantley, Hurt, Buchanan and Mr. Hoover were to go in the front door, where any firing was likely to take place. The other squads were deployed in the rear and on both sides of the place. Just as the agents were ready to move the car down into that block, a policeman came along the Boulevard on a horse, and the raid had to be delayed until he had passed. As the agents were about to pass the house (having planned to park the cars in the next block and come back with the guns, on foot) the two men came out and entered their car. Just at that time a little boy on a bicycle came between Karpis' car and the Director's car. Mr. Hoover became alarmed inasmuch as the child would be caught in the cross fire if any shooting started. The agents, led by Mr. Hoover, jumped out of their car and demanded their surrender just as Karpis, Hunter and the woman were about to enter their auto. This they did without protest. Two rifles were in Karpis' car. Karpis was badly frightened, saying to Mr. Hoover that he, Karpis, never thought the Bureau would take him alive. Hunter was scared to death. The Director stated that Hunter would be left in New Orleans; that he would be turned over to the Post Office, since they want him for the Garrettsville, Ohio, train robbery; that the Bureau will, of course, charge Hunter with harboring but that he will have to be tried on that charge in New Orleans.

Agent Hurt, Mr. Hoover, the girl and Karpis got in the Bureau car and started back to the office. It all happened within three minutes and approximately a thousand people gathered. The other agents searched the house, and found one of the windows barricaded for firing purposes. If the Agents had arrived one minute sooner or later, there would have been gun-play.

The Director stated that Karpis is a very dangerous, nasty sort of individual, but is acting all right now. He mentioned that Karpis is freezing to death in Kansas City as he only wore a pair of palm beach trousers and no coat when apprehended. The temperature in New Orleans was about 87 degrees but had dropped to 40 degrees in Kansas City. Mr. Hoover stated that Karpis was handcuffed and shackled and was being kept in the plane.

In conclusion the Director advised that he would leave Kansas City enroute to St. Paul about 7:00 A.M., EST.

Respectfully,

  
T. D. Quinn.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: FBI DEPT OF JUSTICE LITTLE ROCK  
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Special Agent in Charge

Sent 9:15 P M Per CW

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1936.

Time - 9:35 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

The Postmaster at Alexandria, Virginia, telephoned me and said a man was just in the office talking with him, who claims that Alvin Karpis is at this time on a boat in the Potomac River fishing; that he was with him all day yesterday on the fishing boat, and noticed his very suspicious actions. The Postmaster said this person is driving a Hudson automobile with Illinois license plates.

I told him we would have an Agent call on him in a very short time for additional facts relative to this matter.

Time - 9:38 A.M.

I telephoned Acting SAC Thompson at the Washington Field Office, and after informing him of the above facts, instructed him to have a couple of Agents from his office proceed at once to Alexandria and interview this Postmaster.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Joseph	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Laboratory ReportCase: Arakid.

May 2, 1936.

Number: 7-576-10637

Specimens: A. One page of traced names beginning "R. L. Edmondson & Wife  
Hattiesburg". B. One page of traced names beginning "Att. Rabin 820 1st St."

Examination requested by: Birmingham OfficeDate received: 4/20/36Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

The traced names will be filed in the Laboratory and kept for comparison with the handwriting of the associates of Harris, Grace Goldstein and others, as soon as known handwriting of these persons are forwarded. No such specimens are at present in the Laboratory.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau April 20, 1936.

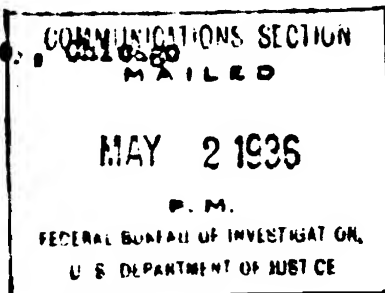
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc - St. Paul  
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Chicago  
Mr. Connolly, Chicago



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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May 4, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In confirmation of telephonic advice furnished Mr. Rosen, on May 2, 1936, concerning the case of Fred Hunter, Bureau file #7-576-9593, please be advised that on May 2, 1936, a fingerprint card was received in the Identification Division from the New Orleans Office of this Bureau, reflecting that one Fred Hunter, as #---, who is possibly identical with Fred Hunter, was arrested by that Office on May 1, 1936, charge and disposition not given.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*  
L. C. Schilder.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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May 4, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In confirmation of telephonic advice furnished Mr. Rosen, on May 2, 1936, concerning the case of Alvin Karpis, Fugitive Index #5678, Bureau file #7-576, please be advised that on May 2, 1936, a fingerprint card on this subject was received in the Identification Division from the New Orleans Office of this Bureau. This card does not reflect any criminal data.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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May 4, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward George  
Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping.

There are attached hereto for the file copies of memoranda prepared by Special Agent K. R. McIntire at Miami, Florida, which contain the testimony which will be given by Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson and Special Agents P. C. Dunne, F. M. Stone, J. W. Going and L. B. Nichols and R. L. Jones, Chief of Police at Dallas, Texas, during the course of a motion to suppress the statements of Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall.

Copies of these statements are being transmitted to the field offices to be studied by the Agents themselves who will be expected to testify. Copies are also being transmitted to Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General who will try this matter at Miami, Florida.

K. R. McIntire.

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J. H. HANSON

Re: Adams.

During the early afternoon of January 25th Nichols, Jones and I went to the El Comodoro Hotel. I found Adams and introduced and identified myself and the agents. I told him that we were investigating the Karpis matter, that we wanted to check some records and to look around a bit. I then asked if we might talk to him privately and he took Jones and me and Nichols into his private office. I told him that we wanted to check the manner in which his hotel kept the valuables for the guests, and that we also wanted to check the arrival and departure records. He assigned Sandercock to assist Nichols and the search was started by Nichols. We then told Adams that we wanted to see the room on the 2nd floor which he had used temporarily for an office. He showed it to us and in answer to our question stated that he used to keep the golf bag in a closet in this room. From there we went to the parcel or baggage check room on the main floor where Agent Jones hurriedly checked the baggage. Also asked Adams if the gang had any stuff stored there. There was a leather golf bag standing in the corner which he admitted was his, that he had not used it for a long time and, upon being asked, stated that we could take the bag. We then asked him if he had any other place in the building where stuff was stored. He said he had a place on the 10th floor so the three of us went up there and looked the place over. Adams had much of his own stuff there which consisted mainly of wedding presents. At that time I told Adams that we were checking very thoroughly the activities of the Karpis-Barker gang down here, and of Adams connection with them; that in that connection, it was our duty as officers to report everything and to testify to everything that he might tell us; that it was his privilege not to talk to us, but that anything that he might tell us could and would be used in a criminal action against him. He said that he understood that and then we asked him to tell us everything that he knew about Karpis, the Barkers and any of their friends who might have stopped at the hotel. We also asked him if he had any of their property at the hotel or at any other place at that time, and if he knew where Karpis was at that time. He replied that the Blackburns and the Greens had stopped at the hotel as guests, that they were just the same as any other guests, that he knew nothing about them, and that he did not have any of their property there at that time. Not being satisfied that he was telling the truth

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I told him that I doubted him and stated that I presumed that he would have no objections to putting down in writing just what he had told me. He demurred and stated that he was without experience in matters of this kind, that we Agents seemed to think that he knew something else, and that he did not wish to talk any further, and that he did not wish to write anything down, until he had had the benefit of the advice of an attorney and his friends. We informed him that that was agreeable and that we would be glad to see him on the following day after he had talked to these people. We told him, however, that in as much as our investigation indicated that he was implicated in this matter that we would like to have a copy of his fingerprints. He made no objection and the prints were taken up in that room. We then returned to the ground floor where we picked up his golf bag and departed with Agent Nichols. On the following day, January 26, 1935, while we were supposed to meet Adams at 10:00 A. M., we, Jones and I, got word from Agent Nichols that Adams wanted to see us right away so we drove over to the hotel where we met Adams in the lobby and within a few moments the three of us drove to the Halcyon Hotel. Adams having stated that he wanted to tell everything that he knew about Karpis and the Barkers. On getting to the room in the Halcyon, Adams stated that on the previous day he had not told us the truth but that he had now decided to do so and that "the chips would have to fall where they would." He then began his story about having had William Harrison, Sawyer and McDonald at the hotel. Shortly after we began talking it was necessary for me to leave the room and on one occasion while I was talking on the telephone Jones and Adams stepped out of the room. On one of those occasions while I was away from Jones and Adams, I returned and found a one thousand dollar bill on the table and Jones informed me that Adams had stated that this was some of the money that had been left at the hotel by Karpis. I then asked Adams if that was correct and he explained the manner in which this bill came into his possession in much the same manner as is seen in the signed statement which Adams gave to me. We talked to Adams for several hours. During lunch hour Adams and Jones went out and had lunch together and late in the afternoon he left to go back to his hotel. He at no time was told that he was not going to be arrested. I saw him late that night at his hotel and inquired of him about Cassius McDonald. At

least it's my best recollection that it was that night. We didn't see Adams on Sunday, January 27, but we did see him on Monday and Tuesday, January 28 and 29. On these days we arranged to have Adams meet us at the Cortez Hotel in Miami and on the 29th, after he had told his entire story, his signed statement was prepared. After it had been written he was asked to read it for accuracy; he stated that he had confidence in me and that it would not be necessary for him to read it. Since he declined to read the statement, I read it to him, he suggested that the last two paragraphs be added to the statement, which was done, and thereafter he signed the statement - every page of it. While I was talking to him that day getting the statement, I recall Knight called asking if Adams were under arrest; that the papers had been calling him to that effect. I informed Knight that Adams was not arrested and that it was never stated to Adams that the latter was not to be arrested. After Adams had signed the statement, I informed him that it would be necessary for him to go over to the Commissioner's office, that a warrant had been issued for him. He was given the opportunity to call his father-in-law, Mr. Knight, in order that the bond could be arranged. We then proceeded to the office of the Assistant U. S. Attorney, where the hearing was held. Thereafter I saw him on several occasions and he never voiced any objection to having given the statement. On or about April 3, 1935, I saw him in the office of the U. S. Attorney in Miami and he told Mr. Barlow in my presence that he had told the Agents everything that he knew about the case. At that time he made no objection or comment on the manner in which his signed statement had been secured. I also saw him in St. Paul, Minnesota during September of 1935 and January, 1936, at which time he made no objection to the manner in which his statement had been obtained. His attitude was always one of affability and pleasantness.

J. H. HANSON

Re: Randall

This witness will state that at about 8:00 or 9:00 A.M. on January 21, 1935, he, together with Jones, Dunne and a couple of officers of the Miami Police Department proceeded to the Miami Hotel, where Hanson and one of the officers proceeded to the room of Randall. Jones and officer Shanahan joined them and the four of them proceeded into the room where Randall and Codomo were in bed. Introduced ourselves. Told him that we were investigating the Karpis case and that we wanted to talk to him about it. He said it would be all right and permitted Agents to search the room saying "Go right ahead, Gentlemen." After mentioning the Karpis case Randall said that he had been getting ready to go down and tell the Police all about it. It is my recollection that he mentioned that his name had appeared in the paper in connection with having sent Delaney and Burdette to Atlantic City where the shooting occurred.

I told Randall that we would like him to come over to our hotel for questioning. He said it was O.K. and that he would be glad to go along. He was not told that he was under arrest at that time. Jones and Shanahan took Randall over to the Alcazar Hotel. Codomo was taken to the Miami Colonial Hotel for questioning by myself, officer Howard and Agent Dunne. After taking him over there, I returned to the Alcazar Hotel where Randall had been taken. Randall was not handcuffed when I got over to the room. He was being treated fairly in all respects. After we had talked to Randall for a time he told us some things about the part Adams had played in this thing, so Jones suggested to them that they leave, in view of the fact that Adams and Knight had some influence on the Police Department. Jones and I interviewed Randall intermittently during the day of January 21, 1935, and several times during the day I had to leave and go out on some leads, during which time either Agents Going or Stone would be left to guard Randall. Randall was not handcuffed at any time when I was talking to him but

when he was being guarded he was handcuffed to prevent an escape. We offered Randall food soon after he was brought to the Alcazar Hotel but he insisted that he never ate breakfast so we waited until lunch time. At that time arrangements were made for food to be sent up from the Coffee Shop of the said hotel.

When I first started discussing this matter with Randall I explained to him that he would not have to make a statement and that anything he might say would be used against him. I told him that a complaint would have to be filed. After these warnings he willingly furnished me the information which was later incorporated in his signed statement. It is my best recollection, and on this I am almost positive that on the evening of the first day he was in custody we had his evening meal brought up to him from the Coffee Shop.

Prior to the arrest of Randall I had used Room 611 of the Alcazar Hotel as my headquarters. We had a large number of guns which we had brought over from Birmingham and before Randall's arrest, we had securely locked said guns in the closet of this room for safe keeping and to have them ready at any time. At no time was there any unnecessary display of firearms. The Agents carried their side arms and frequently took them off placing them in the dresser drawer for their comfort, but they were always cautioned against leaving them out in the open. Randall was questioned intermittently until about midnight of January 21, 1935. He was then permitted to go to sleep. This room was also occupied by Agent Jones.

I returned to Randall's room on January 22, 1935, some time between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M., and commenced interviewing him again. He was not handcuffed at that time. About a half hour after we had talked he asked me to take him to a private room where he could tell the whole story, that he didn't want the other Agents around. Jones and I took him over to former Agent Roger Mains' room. Randall was unemotional during the entire time he was giving us his story. On January 22nd, we secured information with regard to the Browning automatic rifle and in view of the fact that he had not yet told us this part of the story we questioned him

courteously concerning it. He then commenced to cry. It was during this time that we were securing a signed statement from him. Having obtained this information re the rifle he told us that part of the story, and it was incorporated in his signed statement. He was told that he did not have to make a signed statement, but expressed a willingness to make such a statement. Having obtained the information about the rifle we showed him the gun and he said it looked like the gun which he had gotten from Adams. This is the only display of firearms which was made to him up to that time.

At the close of January 21, 1935, I told Randall that we could take him to jail and have a complaint filed against him, but he stated that he would rather stay with Agents having a feeling that he would be safer with Agents, that he would receive better treatment at the hands of the Agents than in the County Jail, and that he did not desire his name to be mentioned in the papers since he did not want his family and friends to learn of the trouble he was in.

When Randall's statement was completed he was given an opportunity to read it and did read it and expressed an understanding of the contents, whereupon he signed it freely and voluntarily.

On January 24th Agent Tollett secured information to the effect that an unknown airplane carrying men and heavy arms had landed in the Everglades. In the thought that Karpis and Campbell were in that vicinity and planning a delivery of Duke Randall, I, together with Agents Tollett, Jones and Metcalf went to the Everglades to investigate, leaving Agents Nichols and Dunne at the hotel with Randall to guard him. On leaving we removed our arms from the closet, all of the guns being kept in carrying cases similar to suit cases. Only one gun was removed from its case by Agent Jones, and this for the purpose of inspection, it being a gun which had been seized from members of the Karpis-Barker gang in Chicago, and he wanted to be sure that it was in good order before using it. No other guns were removed from their cases and there was no unnecessary talk of firearms at that time nor was any warning given to Randall as to what his conduct should be during our absence nor were any threats made to him.

At about 8:00 P. M. on January 25, 1935, Agents Metcalf, Nichols and I took Randall to the U. S. Commissioner in Miami, Florida, where a complaint was filed and Randall was delivered to the U. S. Marshal. I distinctly recall that after the hearing Randall took the floor and told Assistant U. S. Attorney Gramling, the Commissioner and the Agents present that he had been treated very well by the Agents and that he wanted to thank them.

On April 3, 1935, I again interviewed Duke Randall, this time he having made the request to interview Messrs. Gramling and Barlow. At this time Randall again declared that all the information contained in his statement was the truth. //

P. C. DUNNE

Re: Randall

At about 8:30 A.M. on January 21, this Agent, together with Hanson, Jones and two city detectives, proceeded to the Tamiami Hotel. I stayed in the car while the others went upstairs to get Codomo and Randall for questioning. Hanson and I then took Codomo over to the Miami Colonial Hotel for questioning, where I had a room. Soon thereafter we released Codomo. That evening about 8:30 P.M. I went to Randall's room. He was not handcuffed at this time. Hanson was questioning him. No harsh methods were being used in the interrogation. I remained only a few moments, and then went out on other matters.

During the next two or three days I saw Randall occasionally each day and guarded him a few times for only a few moments at a time. Randall always maintained a friendly and courteous attitude toward the Agents and was always treated well. He never complained about being kept in the hotel room. Randall constantly reminded the Agents that he enjoyed their company very much. At times when coming to Randall's room I put my side arm in the dresser drawer but this was not for the purpose of intimidating Randall, rather for the convenience and comfort of the Agent.

On the afternoon of January 24 we received information that a questionable plane had landed in the Everglades, and that two men heavily armed had gotten out of the plane. Nichols and I were instructed to remain in Randall's room to do guard duty while other Agents went to the Everglades to make the investigation. We were instructed to use proper precautions to prevent a delivery of Randall in case his associates should put in their appearance. Nichols and I assembled a Colt Monitor and a shotgun and laid these guns on the bed so that they would be available in case of emergency. The muzzles of the guns were turned away from Randall and nothing was done which would in any way give him cause to fear us. At the time we got the guns together Randall said to me, "Hell's fire, give me one of those guns. I'll help you out. I don't want to sit here empty handed". Randall had previously expressed fear that the gang might try to do away with him. We told Randall not to worry, that no harm would come to him because we were there to help him.

At about 5:00 P.M. that afternoon Hanson and the other Agents returned, so I went out on other matters.

On the afternoon of January 25 Metcalf and I took a statement from Randall in the said hotel room, relative to a phone call he had received at the Bowery Night Club, which call advised him to get out of town after the shooting at Atlantic City. This statement was secured from Randall without any threats being employed, in the absence of any promises, and without any duress of any kind. During the taking of this statement there was no display of firearms nor was any effort made to intimidate him in order to influence the character of the admissions which were made by him.

At about 4:00 P.M. on January 26 Metcalf and I took another free and voluntary statement from Randall, this time at the Dade County Jail. This statement concerned a trip which he had taken to Etowah, Tennessee, for Adams in order to have Harry R. Cook for, et about having purchased the license plates for Adams. He was interviewed in the Warden's office. This statement was likewise free and voluntary. On several occasions I accompanied Randall and Jones to the Coffee Shop of the Alcazar Hotel for noon lunch and evening dinner. He was treated the same as any other person, was not handcuffed nor encumbered in any way.

F. M. STONE

Re: Randall

I had very little to do with the questioning of Randall. However, I acted in guard duty on several occasions during the time he was being held. On January 21st, I was in his room, and recall seeing him handcuffed to the bed. I recall seeing him every day during the time he was held, but it is my recollection that he was handcuffed only on the first day, with the exception of one occasion on January 24th, when I came into his room where he was being guarded by Agents Nichols and Dunne. The other Agents had left for the Everglades, and it was my understanding that there was some danger of a delivery or attempted slaying of Randall for which reason he was handcuffed to the chair. I recall, however, that the handcuffs were removed only a few moments after they had been put on.

At no time did I see Randall mistreated in any way. I recall that he was permitted to accompany agents for his meals, and I believe that it was only on the first day of his incarceration that his meals were brought to him in the room. During the time Randall was held he told me that he had heard a great deal about the "Third Degree" methods employed by Agents, but that he was agreeably surprised to have received such splendid treatment.

On January 29th, Going and I took a free and voluntary statement from Randall at the Dade County Jail. This statement consisted generally of his denials of having ever been in any trouble before. The relations were pleasant during this interview, that he would like to have his bond reduced if possible, so that he could get out of jail. He said that he was going nuts in jail, and that he would rather have stayed in the hotel room with the agents than to be in jail.

On February 1st, Going and I again obtained a free and voluntary statement from Randall at the Dade County Jail. This statement consisted of information relative to the Browning Automatic Rifle which Randall had gotten from Adams. At the conclusion of this interview Randall shook hands with both of us, stating that he would like to meet us under more favorable circumstances at a later date, and that he would like to have us consider him as a friend, and not as having been mixed up in instant trouble. He also expressed appreciation for the treatment accorded him by the agents.

J. W. GOING

Re: Randall

I was in Randall's room in the Alcazar Hotel off and on several times during the first day he was held by the Agents, namely, January 21st. It is my recollection that during the time I guarded him on this day he was handcuffed, but as to any of the other times I am not certain. During January 22nd when Randall was removed to Roger Main's room I was present guarding him for about 15 minutes. He was not handcuffed on this occasion. I saw no display of firearms on the above two occasions. I was back in room 611, the one in which Randall was being held, during the greater part of the afternoon of January 22nd, while Mr. Hanson was taking the statement from Randall. Randall was treated fairly at all times. There was no attempt to intimidate him, or to force him to make his statement. No promises were made to him, nor was any duress of any kind employed. Randall appeared very willing at all times to make all of his admissions, and maintained a good spirit of cooperation. I do not recall being present when the statement was signed. It is my recollection that Nichols came in and took my place about that time, and I went out on other matters. From that time on until Randall was placed in jail I was in and out of his room. At no time did I see any display of firearms, with the exception of occasions when other agents or I entering the room would remove our side arms and place them in the drawer of the dresser. During these times I was with Randall, he often expressed the thought that he was pleased to be with the agents rather than be in jail, and that he was anxious to keep the matter out of the papers.

Reference should now be had to the statement of Stone with regard to obtaining the two signed statements from Randall at the County Jail in Miami. My testimony with regard to that matter will be the same.

Re: Adams

The only time I saw Adams was in the Cortez Hotel on January 29th, when he was being questioned by Hanson. He was giving the information freely and voluntarily. I noted no efforts by Hanson to trick him into any admissions. They were maintaining only normal conversation. I heard nothing concerning an arrest. I was in the room only about three minutes. I was present at the commissioner's office when Adams was arraigned. This was on the evening of January 29th. He was very friendly and shook hands with Hanson and others.

Stone and I were registered in the El Comodoro on January 17th. At about 1:30 P.M. of January 18th Knight came over to Stone and me, and said he didn't know whether we were Federal men or not, but that if we were Federal men he would help us all he could because he didn't want to see his place shot up. He didn't indicate that he had any information to give, but that if he could help us he would do so.

On the morning of January 19th, while sitting in the lobby of the El Comodoro, Knight came over and sat down beside me and stated that he was sure that he had seen Karpis from a picture of him that appeared in a Miami paper, but that at the time, he was registered in the name of Green and wearing glasses. (None of the registrations at the hotel show that Karpis was registered in the name of Green).

L. B. NICHOLS

Re: Randall

On the afternoon of January 21st I reported to the room in the Alcazar Hotel where Randall was being held. I was there for only about 15 minutes. It is not my recollection that he was handcuffed at that time, nor at any time that I was there during that day. I believe that he was being questioned by Jones and Hanson at that time. At about noon of the second day, January 22, 1935, Jones and I went over to Miami Beach to recover from the possession of Codomo, a Ford sedan which Randall had told the Agents he had gotten from Wynona Burdette. After obtaining the sedan Jones and I returned to the Room of Randall, and it was at this time that Hanson was completing the signed statement. Randall was not handcuffed, and he was being questioned in a very normal manner. No duress nor force nor promises nor threats were made to him. I saw Hanson complete the statement, and have Randall read it for accuracy. Randall did read it, and Hanson said, "Now is that just as you told it to me," and Randall answered, "Yes".

It is my recollection that after the statement was completed Hanson, Jones, Randall and I had dinner in the Coffee Shop of the Alcazar Hotel. After eating I left the said parties.

I saw Randall every day for a short time each day. The Agents would come in to report the results of their investigations to Hanson, and upon arriving at the room we would be asked to guard Randall for a time while one of the other Agents did something else. I at no time saw any handcuffs on Randall, except as will be shown hereinafter; he was treated cordially and fairly at all times, nor was there any display of firearms. It was my custom upon arriving in the room to take off my gun and place it in the dresser drawer, but there was never any attempt at intimidation, and this was done only for the convenience and comfort of the Agent.

At about noon of January 24th, I returned to Randall's room to see the boys about going to lunch. It was then that Hanson learned that a questionable plane had alighted in the Everglades, carrying men and heavy arms. Hanson instructed Dunne and myself to remain in the room to guard Randall, while he and Agents Tollett, Jones and Metcalf went to the Everglades. Dunne and I were instructed to assemble the proper arms for our protection and to prevent a delivery of Randall, should such an attempt be made. While Dunne and I were setting up the guns, Randall advised me in substance to set up one of the guns for him. Randall had expressed fear on several occasions that members of the gang might try to put him on the spot because of

information he had given to the Agents. Dunne and I set up a Colt Monitor and a shotgun. The reason for using such a big gun as the Monitor was because all of the smaller and more appropriate guns had been taken by the other Agents. When we set these guns up we specifically informed him that we were doing so in order to prevent a delivery, and he knew that it was for his own protection. We did not want a recurrence of the Kansas City Massacre. For our further protection and the security of Randall we handcuffed Randall to the chair in which he was sitting, while Dunne went downstairs for some food. When Dunne returned to the room with the food, the handcuffs were immediately removed from Randall.

The guns at no time were placed across the knees of either myself or Dunne, but were left on the bed where they would be handy. At no time during the exposure of the guns was there any unnecessary display of the guns in order to intimidate Randall. It should be noted that Randall's statement had been secured a couple of days earlier, for which reason Agents would certainly have no motive in trying to intimidate Randall.

The other agents returned late that afternoon, whereupon I was relieved, and I left the room after the guns had been properly put away in their cases and locked in the closet as it was our custom.

At the time Agents left for the Everglades, Jones mentioned that it would be a good idea to put Randall in jail so that the Agents could be rid of him and would be unencumbered. At this time I distinctly recall Randall expressed his displeasure at being removed to the jail, stating that he would rather remain with Agents, thinking he would be safer and would be better cared for. For this reason we did not take him to jail.

On the evening of January 25th, I was called over to Randall's room to assist in removing him to the office of the U. S. Attorney where a complaint was filed against Randall. Randall was then taken before the Commissioner, at which time Randall was instructed as to his rights. After that Randall took the floor and stated that he had been well treated, and that he wanted to thank the Agents, and that he appreciated the many kindnesses shown him by the Agents.

L. B. NICHOLS

Re: Adams

Shortly after lunch on January 25th, I accompanied Hanson and Jones to the El Comodoro for the purpose of interviewing Adams. Hanson introduced himself and ourselves to Adams, telling him of our identity, stating that he desired to talk to Adams about a matter. Adams invited us to his back office and Hanson told him that we were checking on some people, Karpis, Barkers, et al, who had lived at the hotel. I checked the arrival and departure records, also "safe keeping" envelopes, for the remainder of the afternoon, with the assistance of Sanderoock. Late in the afternoon we left. I did not accompany Hanson and Jones when they went upstairs with Adams, and know nothing of any conversation which they had with him.

The following morning, January 26th, shortly after 9:00 I returned to the El Comodoro to further check the records. I was cordially greeted by Joe Adams, who stated that he desired to talk to Hanson and Jones as soon as possible. I called Hanson and told him and he said that they would come around. I gave this message to Adams, to which he said, "Well, I'm free now." Then I went around and checked records and saw Hanson and Jones come around about an hour later. In the middle of the afternoon I went over to Hanson's room in the Halcyon Hotel and saw Adams there with Hanson. I stayed there for about 15 minutes, heard Adams being questioned, and did not observe any evidence of trickery or deceit being used during the course of the questioning. Adams asked me if I had found any records that I was looking for. I said "Yes", and Adams said that he had been taken by them, that he was telling the truth and was letting the chips fall where they may.

Late in the afternoon of January 29th, I went to Hanson's room in the Cortez Hotel, where Hanson was taking Adams' statement. I saw the statement completed, saw Adams acknowledge its correctness, and heard Hanson ask him if he wished to sign it, after reading the statement to him, advising Adams that the statement could be used against him, whereupon Adams signed it after acknowledging its voluntary character. At the time the statement was finished, Adams was asked to read it, but he said he had confidence in Hanson and wanted the latter to read it. This was done and at Adams' request another paragraph or two were added to the statement after which Adams signed it.

R. L. JONES

Re: Randall

Jones will testify to much the same information as that contained in the statement of Hanson, re the arrest and the questioning of Randall at the Alcazar Hotel. He will state that on the first day Randall's meals were brought to him, but that on the succeeding days Randall was taken to the Coffee Shop of the said hotel for his meals; that Randall was never threatened with a gun but was merely reminded in a courteous manner that Jones was armed, and he did not want Randall to make a break for his liberty. He will state that on the first day, January 21, he told Randall that he could be taken to the jail instead of being held by the Agents, but Randall preferred to remain with the Agents. Jones will state that the heavy arms were kept securely locked in the closet at all times and that there was never any undue display of firearms, certainly not for the purpose of intimidating Randall or putting him in fear. He will state that Randall was handcuffed for a short time during the first day, January 21, but was unencumbered thereafter; that he was so handcuffed the first day because Jones was not familiar with Randall and because he was left alone with Going and did not know what Randall might do. He will state that at night he slept in the same room with Randall, and for precaution he used two handcuffs in securing Randall to the bed, so that Randall would have plenty of room in which to move about during his sleep. He will state that he was present when the written statement was taken by Hanson from Randall, that the same was given freely and voluntarily, and with every apparent desire to cooperate, that no duress was employed in obtaining this statement, and that no form of intimidation was employed. He will state that Randall read the statement after it was written, attested to its accuracy and correctness, and then freely and voluntarily signed same, after having been advised that the admissions contained therein could be used against him.

He will state that on January 24 the Agents received information to the effect that a strange airplane had landed in the Everglades, carrying two strange men heavily armed; that

he, together with Hanson, Metcalf and Tollett, proceeded to the Everglades to make the investigation, fearing said parties might be Karpis and Campbell; that before leaving said Agents removed from the closet the arms which were in cases, no exposure being given to any arms except the gun which Jones was to use; that this was a 351 caliber rifle which had been confiscated from Russell Gibson in Chicago only a few days earlier (January 8) and that he wanted to be sure that it was in good working order before taking it with him; that he had no intention of intimidating Randall or putting him in fear by such conduct.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

TDQ:RCL

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

May 2, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I endeavored to get in touch with Mr. Stanley Carroll of the Universal News Service this morning and ascertained that he would be out of the city over the weekend.

However, Mr. Dougherty communicated with the office and stated that he was instructed to prepare a follow-up story and was furnished with the necessary data. Mr. Dougherty stated that he wanted to express his sincere thanks for the information furnished to him and that he would have a story in Sunday's paper.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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April 30, 1936

Mr. Rhea Whitley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to the Bureau's letter of March 18, 1936, pertaining to the request of the New York City Police Department for a photographic copy of the mutilated fingertips of William Elmer Head, and advise whether you have had an opportunity of discussing this matter with a representative of the New York Police Department.

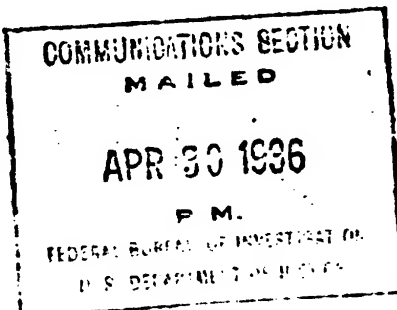
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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PHONE. BREKID. REFERENCE TELETYPE OF EL PASO MAY FIRST AND DIRECTOR MAY

TWO. PARTIES IDENTIFIED AT LAJUNTA COLORADO AS CECIL MC CULLOM ALLEGED  
SALESMAN FOR AIRPLANE FACTORY TROY OHIO FORMER RESIDENT LAJUNTA NOW EVERETT  
WASHINGTON AND WELLINGTON DOW, PILOT, RESIDENT OF WENATCHEE WASHINGTON  
CLAIMED LEFT EVERETT LAST SATURDAY EN ROUTE TROY OHIO, ARRIVED LAJUNTA  
MONDAY. THE FOUR MEN WITH DOW AT PUEBLO WEDNESDAY WERE LOCAL LAJUNTA  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1936.

Time - 9:45 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with SAC Richmond at the Trenton Office, he mentioned the forthcoming trial of the above matter at Florida in connection with which the U. S. Marshal has been serving subpoenas in that vicinity. He said the U. S. Marshal has served all of the subpoenas except one subpoena duces tecum for Daniel Francis Young, co-owner of the Danmore Hotel, which subpoena is issued for his bringing certain records of the hotel. In this connection, Mr. Richmond said Mr. Young is reported to be in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he is in a hospital about to undergo an operation. However, Mr. William A. Morley is the other co-owner of this hotel, and it occurred to Mr. Richmond this matter ought to be brought to the attention of Mr. Barlow in the Department so that he might decide what he wants to do under these circumstances.

This information is being incorporated in a letter to the Bureau with a copy for the Philadelphia Office asking that office to determine the present condition of Mr. Young and what the facts are in this matter.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
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Record of Telephone Call of Visitor.

May 4 1936.

Time 10:03

Name Arthur DeTitta of Fox Movietone

News tele.

Referred to

Details:

Inquired if the Director was expected back today and was informed that he was not expected. He stated he was calling with regard to getting an interview with Mr. Hoover on the Karpis case. I suggested that he might wish to talk with Mr. Quinn, but he stated he had already talked with him, and that he would call back tomorrow to see if the Director had returned. cek

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
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326 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
May 2, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

For your information, please be advised that on the afternoon of May 1, 1936, Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fred Hunter, with aliases, and woman companion, were apprehended at an apartment located at 3343 Canal Street, New Orleans, La., which apartment was rented under the name of Edward O'Hare by Fred Hunter, and among his personal effects was found a memorandum book containing the following addresses:

San Warren, Flamingo Club, P. O. Box 1424, Orlando, Florida.  
Aunt Bar, 1221 Loloan St., San Antonio, Texas.  
Shadowland Rite Club, San Antonio, Texas.  
Riverside Gardens, 102 W. Houston St., San Antonio, Texas.  
Lincoln Club, Lincoln Ave., Tampa, Fla.  
Berfins Place, 1671 Nebraska, Tampa, Fla.  
Coronado Cafe, 1818 14th Ave., Tampa, Fla.  
Red Top Cafe, 910 Nebraska Ave., Tampa, Fla.  
Adolph Place, E. Broadway and 7th Ave., Tampa, Fla.  
Olympic Cigar Store, 201 E. Pass St., Tampa, Fla.

Hunter contends that during recent months he has been salaried man for Lady Company at Akron, Ohio, selling dice to gambling houses, and that the above addresses, with the exception of San Warren, Orlando, Florida, and the Olympic Cigar Store, 201 E. Pass, Tampa, Fla., were actually called on by him for this purpose during a recent visit to Florida.

In spite of Hunter's contention, it is believed advisable to conduct the necessary investigation at these addresses, with the idea in mind that these places might have been contacts for Karpis and Hunter, and possibly future contacts for Subject Campbell, still at large. The extent of the investigation at these points is, of course, being left to your discretion.

The San Antonio and Cleveland Offices are being furnished copies of this letter with the request that the necessary investigation be conducted in their respective districts.

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Very truly yours,

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E. W. Rogers,

Special Agent in Charge.

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 DIRECTOR, SACS CHICAGO CLEVELAND.

PHONE. BREKID. MEXICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES, CHIHUAHUA CITY, HOLD-  
 ING WACO PLANE LICENSE M NC 15246, COLOR GREY, WITH BROAD DARK BLUE  
 STRIPE. TWO MEN LANDED THERE YESTERDAY IN SAME GIVING NAMES OF  
 WELLINGTON DAWSON AND MARVIN C. BOWERS, NO MONEY AND NO CREDENTIALS.

CLAIM THEY WERE FROM OHIO GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO. ONE OF THEM ES-  
 CAPED. *Teletype to El Paso, Denver, Portland,  
 Chicago, Cleveland, & Cincinnati, 5/2/36. H.*

*Alvin Karpis*

THIS PLANE FIRST APPEARED LA JUNTA, COLORADO, APRIL 29, SECURING  
 GAS. LANDED AT PUEBLO, COLORADO, ELEVEN AM APRIL 29 WITH FIVE MEN,  
 TWO OF WHOM REGISTERED AS W. DOW WASHINGTON AND OTHER SIGNATURE ILLEG-  
 IBLE. ALL FIVE DEPARTED EARLY AFTERNOON APRIL 29. PLANE LANDED THAT  
 NIGHT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, WITH TWO MEN GIVING NAMES OF HARRY DOWNS AND  
 MC CULLUM. AT THAT PLACE CLAIMED THEY WERE FROM OHIO ENROUTE TO SAN  
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DON DAVIS, MANAGER, VARNEY AIRLINE AIRPORT AT PUEBLO, COLORADO,  
 CONVERSED WITH PARTIES AND REQUESTED INFORMATION WHETHER OR NOT HE  
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CAN GET NO DESCRIPTION SO FAR OF THREE MEN WHO DEPARTED FROM PLANE BETWEEN PUEBLO, COLORADO, AND ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO. PLANE UPON LANDING AT CHIHUAHUA CITY HAD ~~WHEELS~~ WHEEL FENDERS DENTED AS THO IT HAD MADE A LANDING IN ROUGH TERRITORY. MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT CHIHUAHUA CITY ~~ADVISE~~ ~~XXXXX~~ ADVISE MEXICO CITY STATED SHERIFF FROM PORTLAND OREGON IS ENROUTE BY PLANE TO INVESTIGATE. POSSIBLY THREE MEN WHO DISAPPEARED MIGHT BE Karpis AND ASSOCIATES.

SUGGEST DENVER MAKE IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION AIRPORTS LA JUNTA AND VARNEY AIRPORT, PUEBLO. INTERVIEW AT LATER PLACE DON DAVIS, MANAGER. BUREAU REQUESTED ADVISE IMMEDIATELY REGISTRATION RECORD WACO ~~PLANE~~ PLANE LICENSE NC 15246 CARRYING JACOBS MOTOR. FOR BENEFIT OF THOSE ON LINE, DENVER HAS RECD THIS MSGE.

ALIASES SO FAR KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN USED BY TWO MEN AT CHIHUAHUA CITY ARE AT ROSWELL HARRY DOWNS AND MC CULLUM, AT CHIHUAHUA CITY, WELLINGTON DAWSON AND MARVIN C. BOWERS, AT PUEBLO, W. DOW WASHINGTON AND ILLEGIBLE NAME. POSSIBLY BUREAU WILL DESIRE QUERY PORTLAND RE ALLEGED DEPARTURE OF SHERIFF FROM THAT PLACE AND ASCERTAIN CAUSE. PLANE IS BRAND NEW WAC AND MEN CLAIM PURCHASED SAME APRIL 20 WHILE AT ROSWELL AND PUEBLO MADE INQUIRIES ABOUT GETTING INTO OLD MEXICO AND WHETHER CLEARANCE FOR PLANE WAS NECESSARY BUT WHEN APPREHENDED CLAIMED THEY WERE LOST.

CORRECTION PLANE FIRST APPEARED AT PUEBLO, COLO AND ALL FIVE MEN DEPARTED FROM THERE AND SHOWED UP AT LA JUNTA, COLO THEN LEFT LA JUNTA FOR ROSWELL, N.M. INSTEAD OF AS STATED ABOVE.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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BREKID. REFER TELETYPE OF EL PASO MAY 1, 1936. LICENSE M MC 15246

ON WACO PLANE ISSUED TO C. W. McCOLLUM, 1528 WEST JACKSON STREET,

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON. McCOLLUM HOLDS AMATEUR PILOT LICENSE NO.

34300. McCOLLUM BORN DEVOL, OKLAHOMA, MARCH 16, 1911, WEIGHT

175, HEIGHT 6 FEET, HAIR DARK BROWN, EYES BLUE. PHOTO AVAILABLE.

SHERIFF CRISP SOX OF EL PASO MADE TELEGRAPHIC INQUIRY REGARDING THIS

PLANE LAST NIGHT. C. T. ROTTER, 1915 CRESCENT DRIVE, SEATTLE,

WASHINGTON, HOLDS LIEN ON SAID PLANE.

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SENT VIA

Per

Post Office Box #2344,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

May 4, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID.

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 28, 1936, addressed to the Aberdeen Office, with copy to all field offices, which letter requests a check of the files of any unsolved bank robbery cases under investigation by Bureau Offices in which new and uncut currency constituted a part of the loot.

A check of the bank robbery cases pending in the Boston Office does not reveal the theft of any such currency as described in the Bureau letter.

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cc - Cinn.  
cc - Chicago  
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Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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PHONE ~~X~~ MCCOLLUM FORMERLY RESIDED AT LA JUNTA COLORADO AND THAT THE  
 THREE MISSING PERSONS WHO WERE SEEN IN PLANE AT PUEBLO WERE FRIENDS  
 OF HIS FROM LA JUNTA WHOM HE WAS TAKING ON JOY RIDE. MILITARY  
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THIS INFORMATION WAS GIVEN AT THE TIME A CONFERENCE MESSAGE WAS SENT FROM  
 THE BUREAU WITH REGARD TO MEN HELD BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TRAVELING IN

~~X~~ WACO PLANE LICENSE M NC 15246

Communications Section.

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THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD CALLED AT LOCAL POST OFFICE FOR MAIL GENERAL DELIVERY FROM TOLEDO AND CLEVELAND OHIO THOMAS REMAINS IN BACKGROUND NEVER APPEARING AT GENERAL DELIVERY WINDOW, CAR DRIVEN BY THESE MEN NOT YET VIEWED BUT BELIEVED TO BE A FORD COACH OR SEDAN, ROBINS EGG BLUE IN COLOR LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN. JACK SMITH SEEN AT SAULT STE MARIE AS LATE AS THIS AFTERNOON. THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS STAY AT A SPORTING HOUSE AND CONTACTING A GIRL BY THE NAME OF CECIL FULTZ A PROSTITUTE. INFORMATION IS THAT THESE SAME TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE AT SAULT STE MARIE LAST FALL FOR ABOUT A WEEK, INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIES THOMAS AS KARPIS STATES THAT GENERAL DESCRIPTION FITS ACCURATELY EXCEPT THAT THOMAS IS A LITTLE FLESHIER THAN PHOTOGRAPH OF ALVIN KARPIS. SPECIAL AGENTS MATNEY AND OLSON LEAVING IMMEDIATELY BY AUTOMOBILE FOR SAULT STE. MARIE AND BY DRIVING ALL NIGHT WILL ARRIVE THERE AROUND EIGHT AM THIS MORNING. ENDEAVORED TO CALL SAC CONNELLEY AT CHICAGO, CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI WITHOUT RESULTS. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION AM NOT PROCEEDING TO NATIONAL GUARD RANGE, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN TOMORROW FOR FIRE ARMS TRAINING AS BUREAU PREVIOUSLY ADVISED YESTERDAY.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 27, 1936

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Motion to Suppress Statements  
of Joseph H. Adams and Henry  
"Duke" Randall.

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Please be informed that the motion in this matter came on for a hearing on Saturday, April 25, 1936 before Judge A. V. Long at Miami, Florida. After the motion and the answer thereto had been read, the Court stated that while the motion to suppress was properly brought, it should be heard before the Judge who is to hear the actual trial of the case against Adams and Randall. He stated that this is a matter of evidence; that all of the evidence in the case should be considered by one Judge and that he would not take it upon himself to bind the conduct of the trial Judge by any decision which he might make prior to the actual trial of the case. Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, advised the Court that he had made an extensive search for authorities on the subject of suppression of statements and had found that there had never been a case decided in the United States bearing upon a situation similar to this. He stated, however, that the English decisions indicate the motion to suppress will lie, but that it is in the discretion of the Court as to whether it will hear such a motion prior to trial, or will deny the motion until it can be heard by the trial Judge.

I believe that Judge Long decided properly in this matter. If he had decided that he was the proper party to hear such a motion before the actual trial in the matter, a precedent would have been established which would have made it necessary for Agents to travel all over the country in answer to such a motion in any case in which the defense had made a motion to suppress.

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Judge Long stated that this case will be heard by Judge Ackerman, who will be in Miami, Florida on May 18, 1936 and Judge Long indicated that this matter would probably come on for a hearing on that date. Nothing definite, however, has been decided and I will keep in close touch with Mr. Barlow, so that our Agents can be informed as to the time they will have to be present for a hearing on these motions. I might suggest that it is quite possible these motions will not be heard prior to the trial, but that they may be heard on the collateral hearing during the course of the trial, at which time the jury is excluded and the Judge then decides upon the admissibility of the statements after hearing the evidence produced by both sides. Such was the situation during the course

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of the first Bremer trial in St. Paul, when the defense alleged that the statements made by Jimmie Wilson were of an involuntary character and were obtained through force and violence. You will recall that the Court in that instance was highly indignant over such allegations made by the defense and was completely satisfied that the statements of Wilson were of a voluntary character and, therefore, admitted them to the jury.

The allegations of Bart A. Riley, attorney for the defendants, with regard to the conduct of Agents in extorting a statement from Randall, were very strongly worded and he went so far as to allege that the Agents used inquisitorial methods. I was somewhat disturbed over the language used in these allegations, fearing that the reaction upon the public would be highly unfavorable to the Bureau. It is interesting to note, however, that newspaper articles relating the facts concerning this motion have disregarded the strong language used by Riley and have given a very fair disclosure of the incident. In connection with this matter, I am attaching hereto a clipping from the Miami Daily News, dated April 25, 1936. It will be interesting for you to note that the earlier edition of this paper carried the same item on the front page as headlines.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*  
K.R. McIntire



PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

April 27, 1936

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Motion to Suppress Statements  
of Joseph H. Adams and Henry  
"Duke" Randall.

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I wish to confidentially advise you that Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, has furnished me the following information - that on Saturday afternoon, April 25, 1936, he entertained Bart Riley, Attorney for Adams and Randall, and Judge A. V. Long in his hotel room; that Riley and Long proceeded to become highly intoxicated, as a result of which it was necessary for Mr. Barlow to arrange to get the Judge out of the hotel and to his home without anyone knowing of his condition. It was also necessary for Mr. Barlow to call Mr. Riley's wife and have Riley taken to his home because of his condition. Mr. Barlow has informed me that prior to the said parties becoming so thoroughly intoxicated, they discussed the merits of the motions made by Mr. Riley to suppress the statements of Adams and Randall, at which time the Judge told Riley something to this effect -

"Riley, I have known you for a good many years.  
I have learned to admire and respect you and I  
really love you, but your motion was very poorly  
taken".

At that time, the Judge told Riley that his only allegation of any substance was that "Duke" Randall had been illegally held by the Agents and that that alone was not conclusive of the involuntary character of Randall's statements and that if he had nothing more upon which to stand, the statements would certainly be admissible. Mr. Barlow informed me that the Judge went on to elaborate upon the law and gave a very strong indication that upon a satisfactory showing on the part of the Government that no force had been used by the Agents, the statements of Randall would be admissible in spite of his not having been taken before a Committing Magistrate.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

May 2, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

Re: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

With reference to the teletype message of Special Agent in Charge Colvin, El Paso, Texas, on May 1, 1936, with regard to the ~~Waco~~ plane, License M NC 15246, this will advise that I learned through the Washington Field Office that the above license was issued to C. F. McCollum, 1528 West Jackson Street, Spokane, Washington. McCollum holds an amateur pilot license, No. 34300. He was born at Devol, Oklahoma, March 16, 1911, and the records of the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Aeronautics, disclose that he is described as follows: Weight, 175 pounds; height, 6 feet; hair, dark brown, and eyes, blue. A photograph of McCollum is available in the Department of Commerce files.

Inquiry at the Bureau of Aeronautics disclosed that Mr. Crisp Sox, Sheriff of El Paso, Texas, on the night of May 1, 1936, made a telegraphic inquiry of the Department of Commerce, concerning this plane, the inquiry being much the same as that which the Bureau had made.

The records of the Department of Commerce further disclose that C. T. Potter, 1915 Crescent Drive, Seattle, Washington, holds a lien on said plane.

This information has been furnished by teletype message to the El Paso, Denver, Portland, Chicago, Cleveland, and Cincinnati Offices.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*  
K. R. McIntire.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Mr. Francis Connors called this morning and stated that as a sidelight of the Karpis Case and as more or less of a joke, he called Mr. Aldrich of the Post Office Department and wanted to know if the Post Office Department would pay to the Director the \$2,000 outstanding reward for the apprehension of Karpis, whereupon Mr. Aldrich said, "No"; that the Director was merely doing his duty and that there was a law prohibiting Government officials from accepting rewards.

Respectfully,

  
T. D. Quinn.

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U. S. Department of Justice

607 U. S. Court House

Foley Square

New York, N. Y.

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May 4, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 28, 1936, relative to the number of reward notices needed by this office for circularization in the above entitled case.

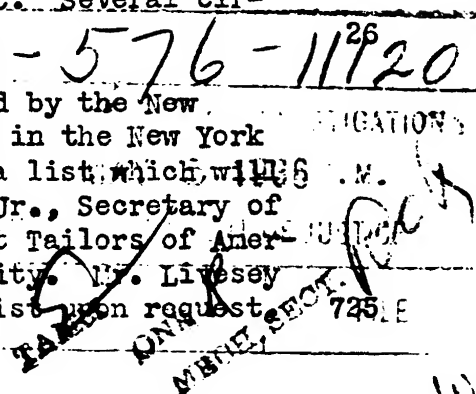
Circularization will be made as set forth in this letter and arrangements with the different concerns for such circularization will also be set out. It is presumed that it is still the desire of the Bureau to forward the reward circulars of subject Harry Campbell to the types of concerns listed below. At the time the arrangements were made, the reward circulars of both Karpis and Campbell were to be forwarded. Since Karpis has been apprehended, only the reward circulars on Campbell will be forwarded. The New York Office has made arrangements to distribute these circulars as set forth below, and in some instances the reward circulars have already been forwarded.

1. Regular mailing list of the New York Office, which includes postmasters, chiefs of police, newspapers, railroads, banks, hotels, etc. These have been forwarded. 3,600
2. Bus stations. Circulars have already been forwarded to the bus stations according to the list as it appears in Exhibit "F" in New York file #66-605C. 65
3. Toll bridges. These circulars were addressed by the New York Office according to the list as it appears on page 35 in New York file #66-605C. Several circulars were sent to each branch.
4. Tailors. Circulars will be addressed by the New York Office and sent to all tailors in the New York Office territory as they appear on a list which will be secured from Mr. H. B. Livesey, Jr., Secretary of the National Association of Merchant Tailors of America, 400 Madison Avenue, New York City. Mr. Livesey will lend the New York Office his list upon request.

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5. A list of airports in the New York Office territory has been secured and reward circulars will be forwarded to them by the New York Office. 100
6. The reward circulars on subject Campbell will be forwarded to stations handling Continental Oil Company products throughout the States of New York and Connecticut, according to a list now in the possession of the New York Office which was secured from Mr. M. M. Andrews of the Continental Oil Company, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City. 300
7. Tourist camps. Circulars will be forwarded to tourist camps in the New York Office territory according to a list in the possession of the New York Office. 300
8. Standard Oil Company. Arrangements have been made through Mr. G. A. Perryman, Room 1218, 26 Broadway, New York City, for distribution of circulars to stations of the Standard Oil Company. Mr. Perryman was advised that the circulars would be placed in 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " white envelopes and that the same could be addressed and mailed without postage. Mr. Perryman suggested that the specified number of circulars be forwarded to the branch managers as listed below, and that these branch managers will distribute the circulars.
  - L. B. Davis, Standard Oil Company, 230 Park Avenue, New York City. 4,000
  - Sobol Brothers, 110th Street & Fifth Avenue, New York City. 175
  - H. A. Howard, Standard Oil Company, 200 Genesee Building, Buffalo, N. Y. 5,000
  - E. Orvis, Standard Oil Company, 112-8th Street, Albany, N. Y. 4,500
  - C. B. Jones, Standard Oil Company, Park Square Building, Boston, Mass. 6,900

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Mr. Perryman advised that the above circularization through the above branch managers will cover the entire State of New York and the New England States; that the Boston Office, under C. B. Jones, handles the entire New England States. Since it is noted that the circularization of the stations of the Standard Oil Company will cover the entire State of New York and the entire New England States, the New York Office suggests that the Buffalo Office stuff 5,000  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " white envelopes with the reward circulars of subject Campbell and furnish them to Mr. H. A. Howard, Standard Oil Company, 200 Genesee Building, Buffalo, N. Y. It is also requested that the Boston Office stuff 6,900 envelopes with the reward circulars of subject Campbell and send them to Mr. C. B. Jones, Standard Oil Company, Park Square Building, Boston, Mass. The New York Office will stuff envelopes with the reward circulars of Campbell and furnish them to the others on the above list.

9. Colonial Beacon Oil Company. Mr. A. Clark Bedford, 26 Broadway, New York City, advised that his company will forward circulars to all of their stations, and requested that the specified number of circulars be mailed to the branch managers as listed below:

Mr. E. L. Wiehl, Colonial Beacon Oil  
Company, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York  
City. 3,000

J. C. Richdale, Colonial Beacon Oil  
Company, 378 Stuart Street, Boston, Mass. 1,500

Mr. Bedford was advised that these circulars would be stuffed in envelopes, as mentioned in the interview with Mr. Perryman, and that the same could be mailed by the branch managers to their various stations without postage. Mr. Bedford advised that the above branch managers would forward the circulars furnished to them to stations of the Colonial Beacon Oil Company in the entire State of New York and throughout the New England States.

The Boston Office is requested to stuff 1,500 white  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " envelopes with the reward circulars on

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subject Campbell and forward them to Mr. J. C. Richdale, Colonial Beacon Oil Company, 378 Stuart Street, Boston, Mass. for circularization. The New York Office will furnish the required number of stuffed envelopes to Mr. E. L. Wiehl, New York City.

10. Shell Oil Company. Mr. F. W. Foley, Manager of Service Stations, 50 West 50th Street, New York City, advised that circularization of the entire New England States and the State of New York could be made by forwarding a specified number of circulars to the branch managers, as listed. Mr. Foley was advised that the reward circulars would be placed in small white envelopes and would be forwarded to the branch managers and that the same could be addressed by them and distributed to their respective stations without paying postage.

P. H. Smith, Shell Oil Company, 787 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. 230

W. L. Day, Jr., Shell Oil Company, 420 Oakland Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 65

T. S. Marshall, Shell Oil Company, Syracuse Building, Syracuse, N. Y. 75

C. L. Heath, Shell Oil Company, 57 Clinton Street, Binghamton, N. Y. 35

11. The Texas Oil Company. Arrangements have been made through Mr. M. H. Smith, of the Texas Oil Company, 135 East 42nd Street, New York City, to forward circulars to all Texas stations throughout New York State and Connecticut. Mr. Smith will be furnished with 5,000 envelopes and he will address the same and return them to the New York Office, where they will be stuffed and mailed. 5,000

12. Fifty reward circulars of Karpis and Campbell were furnished to Mr. F. J. Byrnes, Assistant Manager, Claim Division, American Surety Company, 100 Broadway, New York City, and were to be distributed to their branch offices throughout the State of New York. These circulars were

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furnished to Mr. Byrnes by Special Agent  
W. B. Moran of the New York Office.

It is estimated that approximately 12,000 reward circulars have been forwarded to this office on subject Campbell, and it is estimated that approximately 9,500 reward circulars on subject Campbell should be forwarded to this office to complete the circularization as set forth above in this letter. The Bureau is also requested to furnish the Buffalo and Boston Offices with sufficient reward circulars on subject Campbell so that they may furnish them to the branch managers of the oil companies listed above herein. The Boston and Buffalo Offices are requested to stuff the required number of envelopes with the reward circulars, as set forth above, and furnish them to the branch managers as indicated. It is thought that since the New York Office did this for the Boston and Buffalo Offices in the recent circularization in the Weyerhaeuser case, those offices should do this in this case.

Mr. R. H. Lucas, General Manager of the "Barbers' Journal", was furnished with pictures of subjects Karpis and Campbell and information concerning them, which he advised he would place in the May, 1936, issue of the "Barbers' Journal", which has a circulation of 15,000. Subsequent to the time that information was received that Karpis had been apprehended, Agent J. B. Dickerson of this office talked to the secretary of Mr. Lucas, in the latter's absence, and she advised that the information pertaining to subjects Karpis and Campbell, together with their pictures, had already been set up and was ready for printing, and that she was endeavoring to have the information concerning Karpis and his picture taken out and some other matter substituted. It is hoped that the furnishing of this information and the pictures to Mr. Lucas for use in the "Barbers' Journal" meets with the approval of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*R. Whitley*  
R. WHITLEY, *for*  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc:Chicago (Mr.E.J.Connelley)  
Cincinnati  
Boston  
Buffalo

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1936.

Time - 11:55 A.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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Mr. Connelley telephoned me from New Orleans and said he had just returned from Jackson, Mississippi, where he had conferred with Grace Goldstein, our informant in this case. Mr. Connelley said that after about three hours' questioning and conference, she finally gave us the exact address in New Orleans where the subjects are. He said all they recommended to her was that we would definitely and conclusively recommend to the United States Attorney that she and Connie Morris would not be prosecuted for harboring Karpis. Grace also made Mr. Connelley promise he would not harm her family. In this regard, he said we have no reason to harm her family, and it was ascertained during the conference that the Post Office Inspectors, contrary to Mr. Connelley's instructions, apparently went up there and interviewed Grace's mother.

Mr. Connelley said after he returned to New Orleans this morning, he had occasion to look the place over, which is located on a boulevard and on a very busy corner, and there definitely is someone there. He said he is, of course, going to make a survey of the situation and get them all in there and then hit the place, the raid probably taking place tomorrow morning. The place in question is the bottom floor of a three-story apartment house, with only one apartment for a family on each floor of the building.

SAC Brantley and Agent Buchanan are now on their way to New Orleans, and are going by Dallas and pick up Agent Hurt. With these three men, Mr. Connelley and the 12 Agents, it is believed the situation will be very well covered. Mr. Connelley said they are going to have to get in pretty close for the reason that the situation of the place necessitates it. Additional equipment is being brought by the Agents who are coming down from Dallas. Mr. Connelley said they are going to survey the place further today, and the Bureau will be kept advised of the plans and arrangements.

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SAC CONNELLEY CHICAGO

SAC NEW YORK

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*We ought to press this vigorously.*  
*J. C. H.*

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F. J. Blake  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
420 Post Office Building  
Dallas, Texas

CLEVELAND OHIO  
May 2, 1936

BREKID BY REASON RECENT ACTIVITY THIS, TAKE NO ACTION AS TO SEARCH OR  
OTHER INQUIRY WITH REFERENCE FARMS AND BROTHERS GRACE GOLDSTEIN IN  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-1-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/8,15,16,21/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>T. E. Billings RS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1236; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice; National Firearms Act.</b>
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Carlotta M. Lyons unknown at Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, and only registration found was for a Miss C. Lyons from Boston, Mass., June 22, 1935. No additional information available at Los Angeles regarding Mrs. Madeline Odell. Louis Waxenburg, with aliases, unknown to the Bunco Detail, LAPD, and also at Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles; he is not presently registered there and no previous registrations located. .32 Colt Automatic Pistol #404724 sold at San Diego, Calif., by Fifth Street Loan Office to L. A. Wells, but no information secured regarding identity of Wells. Wiley Roberts, former inmate of county jail, Tulsa, Okla., and acquaintance of the Barker brothers and Harry Campbell, presently residing in Monterey Park, Calif., and arrangements made to cover his residence for possible appearance of subjects. I. O.'s on subjects Karpis and Campbell furnished mineral springs in this territory.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 3-10-36; report of Special Agent M. C. Faulkner, El Paso, 3-24-36; report of Special Agent F. C. Dorwart, San Francisco, 4-6-36; report of

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. W. Hanson</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Special Agent C. D. White, Los Angeles, 11-16-35;  
and report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago,  
2-17-36.

**DETAILS:**

The reference report of Special Agent O'Mahoney requests investigation on at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel regarding CARLOTTA M. LYONS who registered Hudson Convertible Coupe, motor #58242, in Ohio for 1935 under suspicious circumstances. Mr. PAUL ROY, Manager, Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, California, cooperated with agent in checking the registries of the hotel for 1935 and 1936, but no registration was located for a Carlotta M. Lyons or a C. M. Lyons; however, on June 22, 1935, a MISS C. LYONS of Boston, Massachusetts, registered at the hotel and remained until June 29, 1936. No other information was available at the hotel regarding this party, and she was not recalled by Mr. Roy or the other employees of the hotel. Inquiry was made of all employees by Mr. Roy, but none of them could recall a Carlotta Lyons. No forwarding order was found at the hotel or at the Hollywood Substation Post Office for Carlotta M. Lyons or C. M. Lyons from the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

With respect to the lead set out in reference report of Special Agent Faulkner, inquiry was made of GEORGE DENT, Secretary, G. Brishears & Company, investments and securities, 501 Security Building, 510 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, Calif., who advised that on March 25, 1936, a letter was received from MRS. MADELINE ODELL giving her address as c/o LEO F. SMITH, Hot Springs, N. M., making inquiry regarding assessments on a paving bond of the City of Los Angeles which she held. Mr. Dent advised that inquiry was made of the Bureau of Assessments where it was ascertained that the bond was number 38 covering Lot 12, Block 26, of Tract 7264, in Los Angeles, California, and that the name of the owner of the bond was shown as Madeline Odell, but that no further information appeared in the records of the Bureau of Assessments. Mr. Dent exhibited to agent the file on this matter, including a copy of their reply of recent date to Madeline Odell, and it was found that no information of value looking to the location of Madeline Odell was contained in said file.

It will be noted in reference report of Special Agent Dorwart that LOUIS WAXENBURG, alias JEW KID, alias HARRY WISHERD, alias GEORGE HOBERT, and other aliases, was known to be a former pal of WILLIAM KILMER MEAD and a known contact of confidence man on the West Coast, and further that he is reported as residing at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Agent made inquiry the captain and all officers assigned to the Bureau Detail of the Los Angeles Police Department and none of them had any information regarding Louis Waxenburg with aliases. A record was found on Waxenburg at the Bureau of Identification, Los Angeles Police Department, where it was reported that Waxenburg, according to a circular issued by Dougherty's Detective Bureau and Military Police, 31 Broadway, New York City, under date of November 8, 1915, was wanted by the New York City Police Department for bond jumping and grand larceny, and a reward of \$500.00 was offered for his apprehension. This information was found on

a fingerprint card received from San Francisco (#24383) dated December 14, 1914, and which showed Waxenburg's fingerprint classification as 1 R 00 17  
17 R 00 17. No description was found on the fingerprint card of Waxenburg.

Inquiry was made of EDWARD ROBINSON, Assistant Manager, Biltmore Hotel, who has cooperated on numerous occasions in the past with this office, and he advised that Waxenburg was unknown to him, and after checking the registries of the hotel he advised that Waxenburg was not presently registered at the hotel and no record of a past registration could be found. Waxenburg's name and various aliases were supplied to Mr. Robinson, as well as to the Captain of the Bunco Detail of the Los Angeles Police Department, and they advised that they would communicate with this office in the event information was secured regarding Waxenburg.

The reference report of Special Agent C. D. White reports investigation conducted regarding the sale of .32 Calibre Automatic Colt Pistol #404724, which is referred to in the report of Special Agent Lee F. Malone, New York City, dated 4-12-35. Agent White's report states that this gun was sold or sent to the Fifth Street Loan Office at San Diego, California.

Special Agent E. G. O'Brien of this office contacted R. FLIESCHMAN, 624 Fifth Avenue, San Diego, California, who is the present owner of the Fifth Street Loan Office, and was informed that all sales were kept in a regular record book. This record book was examined and it was ascertained that the gun in question was sold on April 1, 1922, to L. A. WELLS of 760 Fifth Avenue, San Diego, Calif. Wells' description was given as 24 years of age, 5' 8" tall, white race, medium complexion, and a garage man by occupation. The sale was made by CHARLES WEINBERG who was owner of the store at that time. Mr. Weinberg, who resides at 1445 Fourth Avenue, San Diego, advised Agent O'Brien that he could not recall L. A. Wells, nor could he give any further information regarding him. The records of the San Diego Police Department and Sheriff's Office were checked and failed to reveal any information regarding Wells. The address of 760 Fifth Avenue is occupied by an old hotel which is now patronized by colored people. Inquiry was made of the manager and several of the patrons without securing any information regarding Wells.

The report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, Chicago, dated 2-17-36, reports that WILEY ROBERTS, who resides at 450 East 51st Street, Los Angeles, was a former inmate of the County Jail at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is an acquaintance of the Barker brothers as well as HARRY CAMPBELL. Mr. J. W. PATTERSON, Carrier, Post Office Substation K, 1046 East Vernon Avenue, advised that Wiley Roberts and his family, consisting of his wife and two or three small children, resided for a period of two or three months at 415 East 51st Street, and that a forwarding order was left for 422-B East Newmark Street, Monterey Park, California. Patterson was unable to recall any visitors the Roberts family might have had, and he could not recall that any out-of-state automobiles were parked at this residence during the time the Roberts lived there.

D. D. SUMMERAL, Carrier of Mail at Monterey Park, California, advised that Wiley Roberts resides at 440 East Newmark Street, having moved from the above address recently. He could furnish no information regarding mail received by the Roberts, nor could he advise as to whether they had had visitors recently. When questioned regarding the character of people in the neighborhood of the Roberts residence, Mr. Summeral advised that it is a rather poor neighborhood and he could not advise at that time as to the reliability of any parties in that vicinity. He stated that if he were contacted at a later date he would endeavor to secure information regarding some of the neighbors who might be in a position to watch the Roberts residence. Identification Orders on subjects KARPIS and CAMPBELL were furnished Mr. Summeral and he advised that he would closely observe the Roberts residence each day and would immediately telephone this office in the event strangers were found to be visiting there, or in the event automobiles without-of-state licenses were found to be parked at this address.

Identification Orders on subjects Karpis and Campbell have been furnished the managers of the following mineral springs located in this territory:-

Matilija Hot Springs;  
Soboba Hot Springs; and  
Gilman Hot Springs.

The manager of each of these establishments advised that no one resembling Karpis or Campbell had been a patron recently. Identification Orders will be furnished the remaining hot springs and mineral baths in this territory in the near future.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, at Sacramento, Calif., will ascertain through the Division of Motor Vehicles whether Hudson Convertible Coupe, motor #58242, has been registered in California for the year 1936 to Carlotta M. Lyons or to any other party. Will also ascertain whether a non-resident permit was issued during 1935 or 1936 for this automobile, and if so, will secure all information which might be helpful in locating Carlotta M. Lyons in order that she might be interviewed in accordance with the reference report of Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney, Cleveland, dated 3-10-36, a copy of which is being forwarded herewith to the San Francisco office for its information in carrying out this lead.

THE NEW YORK CITY OFFICE, at New York City, will endeavor to secure information through the Bureau of Identification regarding Louis Waxenburg, with aliases, in order that he might be located, it being noted that he is a contact for confidence men and a former pal of William Elmer Mead.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE, at Monterey Park, Calif., will contact D. D. Summeral, mail carrier, and secure the name of a reliable party in the vicinity of 440 East Newmark Street who can be approached for the purpose of keeping a watch on the residence of Wiley Roberts, a possible contact of subjects Karpis and Campbell.

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FBI CLEVELAND

5/3/36

8:20 P.M. EST

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SAC OKLAHOMA CITY

PHONE BREKID. DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION AT THE STATE PENITENTIARY  
AT McALESTER SEEKING IDENTIFICATION OF TOMMY. THIS PARTY NOW IDENT-  
IFIED AS SAM COKER. SECURE IMMEDIATELY AT McALESTER FORWARDING  
AIR MAIL CLEVELAND PHOTOGRAPH OF SAM CARSON WHO WAS INCARCERATED  
THERE FOR BANK ROBBERY.

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From: Chief Clerk's Office, Room 5519

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To: ☐ Director  
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☐ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Edwards  
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☐ Mr. Quinn  
☐ Miss Gandy  
☐ Mr. Egan  
☐ Mr. Tamm  
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☐ Mr. Tracy  
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☐ Mr. Swenson  
☐ Mr. Lester  
☐ Mr. Joseph  
☐ Mr. Schilder  
☐ Mr. Harbo  
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☐ Files Section  
☐ Mechanical Section  
☐ Personnel Files  
☐ Washington Field Office  
☐ Supply Division  
☐ Division of Accounts  
☐ Miss Sheaffer  
☒ Mr. *Baughman*

See Me

*This is the memo on the steel  
of which I spoke to you about  
yesterday.*

*W. R. Glavin.*  
W. R. Glavin.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
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Mr. Schilder ☐  
Mr. Tamm ☐  
Mr. Tracy ☐  
Miss Gandy ☐  
Mr. Klein ☐

Record of Telephone Call of Visitor.

May 4 1936.

Time 3:18 P.M.

Name Mr. Friedheim of International News

Service tele.

Referred to

Details:

Inquired as to when Mr. Hoover would return and he was advised that Mr. Hoover was expected late this afternoon. He stated that he desired to see Mr. Hoover some time tomorrow in order to obtain some material from Mr. Hoover for a feature story on the conversation between Mr. Hoover and Karpis during the plane ride. He is going to call back later to see if possible to see Mr. Hoover some time tomorrow. rlm

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TOLSON FOUR FILE

506 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana

May 4, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to report of Agent T. M. McDade, of the Chicago Bureau Office, dated April 29, 1935, in which Bureau offices were asked to place wanted notices with State motor vehicle registration bureaus against Pontiac sedan, motor #925,155, Ford V-8, Motor #18-493,080 and Packard club sedan, motor #189,533.

Please advise me if you wish the wanted notices placed on all of these cars maintained, and in the event notices may be withdrawn concerning any of them, please advise.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOVD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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506 Fletcher Trust Building  
Indianapolis, Indiana

May 4, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Under date of April 1, 1936, you wrote the  
Aberdeen Bureau Office and requested that a search  
be made for 1936 model 4-door Buick sedan. Motor #692-  
52198. Serial #2695972, which was in the possession  
of subject Alvin Karpis. You asked that a wanted  
notice be placed with State Motor vehicle registration  
bureaus. Copy of your letter was received here and  
proper action taken.

In view of the report of the recent apprehen-  
sion of Alvin Karpis, please advise if I may notify  
the motor vehicle registration bureau for Indiana that  
the wanted notice placed with it may be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

May 5, 1936.

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p  
Horace G. Ports,  
U. S. Commissioner,  
31 South Duke Street,  
York, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 4, 1936, wherein you advise that a woman had informed you that an individual, allegedly a member of the Alvin Karpis gang, had been in York some months ago.

I will appreciate it if you would advise me the name of this woman in order that she may be contacted for further details.

Very truly yours,

R. I. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FBI US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
769 STARKS BLDG  
LOUISVILLE KY

BREKID MR AND MRS L W THOMAS ARE WITNESSES IN HARBORING TRIAL TO BE  
HAD MIAMI MAY TWENTY FIFTH AND EFFORTS LOCATE FOR SERVICE OF SUBPOENA  
UNSUCCESSFUL STOP THOMAS IS CONNECTED GREYHOUND RACING AND ON APPLICATION  
FOR RACING LICENSE GAVE NEAREST RELATIVE MRS C THOMAS NINE TWO THREE  
IDLEWILD COURT LEXINGTON KY STOP ENDEAVOR IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE PRESENT  
LOCATION THOMASES ADVISING TELEGRAPHICALLY

NATHAN

RBN:MFS

9: 28 AM

cc - Bureau  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
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May 4 1936

W L LISTERMAN  
FBI US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
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BREKID MR AND MRS L W THOMAS ARE WITNESSES IN HARBORING TRIAL TO BE  
HAD MIAMI MAY TWENTY FIFTH AND EFFORTS LOCATE FOR SERVICE OF SUBPOENA  
UNSUCCESSFUL STOP THOMAS IS CONNECTED GREYHOUND RACING AND REPORTED  
POSSIBLY AT TRACK LOCATED SOUTH SANFRANCISCO AND MAY BE RECEIVING MAIL  
GENERAL DELIVERY THAT PLACE STOP ENDEAVOR IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN WHEREAS  
ADVISING RESULTS TELEGRAPHICALLY

NATHAN

RBN:MFS  
9:25 AM

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C D McKEAN  
FBI US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
1002 POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE  
BOSTON, MASS

URGENT MR AND MRS L. W. THOMAS NECESSARY WITNESSES HARBORING CASE TO  
BE TRIED MIAMI MAY TWENTY FIFTH NOT LOCATED FOR SERVICE SUBPOENA STOP  
THOMAS REPORTED CONNECTED WITH GREYHOUND RACING AND MAY BE PRESENTLY  
AT REVERE BEACH TRACK BOSTON STOP EXPEDITE EFFORTS LOCATE THESE WITNESSES  
ADVISING RESULTS TELEGRAPHICALLY

NATHAN

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 4, 1936.

MEMO:

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Pieper of this Unit advised me that he listened in on the Walter Winchell broadcast last night anticipating that there might be some mention of the Bureau, and that the following items were mentioned:

St. Paul Flash -- Winchell stated that Alvin Karpis, after thirty-six hours questioning, admitted the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

New Orleans Flash -- Ruth Robinson, the girl captured with Karpis and Hunter, is not Karpis' girl but Hunter's gun moll.

New York Flash -- Mr. Winchell gave the reasons for the Director and Mr. Tolson having personally directed the Karpis capture:

1. Because of McKellar's interrogation in the Senate recently where he asked whether the Director had ever arrested anyone, and contended that G-Men should not shoot men like Dillinger.

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2. Karpis had once threatened to kill the Director. Winchell quotes the Director as having stated to Karpis, "You once said that you would kill me if you had a chance," to which Karpis answered, "I would have if I had had a chance."

Washington, D. C. Flash -- The capture of Karpis does not end the matter. Those that harbored him are to be prosecuted and the prosecution will probably include some police officials.


Mention was made of Karpis' face being lifted, and of Dr. Moran not believed dead who performed the operation.

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May 4, 1936.

Obduracy in the news -- Winchell commented on Zioncheck's  
crave for publicity which had caused him to attack the G-Men, and  
list him as an obduracy in the news because of him being a law  
breaker who seeks publicity by deliberately violating the law  
(Reference to his recent arrests).

Respectfully,

  
R. E. Joseph.

607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

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May 5, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of April 2, 1936, in which you request that the New York Office interview Mr. Beazell, Managing Director, Saratoga Springs Authority, State of New York, and secure from him information as to location of mineral springs, sulphur springs and other such springs throughout the United States, the water of which would be beneficial in the treatment of gonorrheal rheumatism.

Mr. Beazell advised agent that the following places have springs which are visited by people suffering from gonorrheal rheumatism, the water of which springs would be beneficial in the treatment of gonorrheal rheumatism:

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.: Mr. Beazell advised that there are twenty bathhouses at Hot Springs, and that the correct addresses of these bathhouses can be secured from Col. Thomas J. Allen, Jr., Superintendent of Hot Springs National Park, Hot Springs, Ark.

MT. CLEMENS, MICH.: There are eight bathhouses here, all of which are probably owned and operated. Mr. Beazell suggested that the best way to secure the names of these eight bathhouses would be through the Chamber of Commerce of Mt. Clemens, Mich., or through the Postmaster.

WEST BADEN, IND.: There is only one bathhouse at West Baden, the name of which can probably be secured from the Postmaster.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago

May 5, 1936.

FRENCH LICK, IND.: Mr. Beazell advised at the time he made his survey there was only one bathhouse at this place. However, there may be more at the present time. He suggested that Mr. Thomas Maggart, Jr., French Lick, Ind. be contacted for information regarding the bathhouses at French Lick.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO.: Mr. Beazell advised that Excelsior Springs is located in Clay County, which is north of Kansas City, and that the bathhouses at this place have just been reopened. He suggested that the only way to get information with regard to these springs would probably be through the Postmaster at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

THERMOPOLIS (Hot Springs Co.) INDIANA:  
Mr. Beazell advised that there are four springs at this place which furnish water to baths operated by four separate hotels and five apartment houses. Mr. Beazell advised that the places mentioned are the only places in this county, to his knowledge, which have springs which produce water beneficial in the treatment of gonorrheal rheumatism.

Mineral Wells, Texas, Sharon Springs, N. Y., and Richfield Springs, N. Y. are not included on this list, as it is thought that the proper information has already been secured as to those three places.

The Little Rock, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Denver and Detroit Offices are requested to make investigation at the bathhouses, hotels and apartment houses at the places listed above, in their territories, where Harry Campbell might appear for treatment. It is suggested that Identification Order on Campbell be left with these various hotels, apartment houses and bathhouses, with the request that the Bureau Office be advised in the event this party should appear at such places.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

(cc) - Bureau  
cc - Little Rock  
cc - Indianapolis  
cc - Kansas City

cc - Denver  
cc - Cincinnati  
cc - Cleveland  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - Detroit

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7-120New York City  
May 5, 1936

Transmit the following Teletype message to: CLEVELAND

*Edw. Bremer*

PHONE BREKID. WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS COMPANY UNABLE TO TRACE  
RIFLE SERIAL NUMBER <sup>292771</sup> TWO NINE TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE FOR REASON THAT  
AT TIME THIS MODEL GUN WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SOLD THEY DID NOT  
KEEP CARD INDEX RECORDS, MAINTAINING ONLY BOOK RECORD. IT IS BELIEVED  
THIS MODEL WAS SHIPPED FROM THE FACTORY IN NINETEEN FIVE AS NUMBERS  
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Special Agent in ChargeSent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per *[Signature]*

Cleveland, Ohio

May 4, 1936

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J. WHITLEY  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
607 U. S. COURT HOUSE, FOLEY SQUARE  
NEW YORK CITY

BREKID TRACK FROM FACTORY WINCHESTER LEVER ACTION RIFLE

TWENTY FIVE DASH TWENTY CALIBER OCTAGON BARREL MODEL EIGHTEEN

292771  
NINETY TWO SERIAL NUMBER TWO NINE TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE

THIS RIFLE FOUND IN HOME OF ALBERT HUNTER BROTHER OF FRED

HUNTER. EXPEDITE

MAC FARLAND

HJD:h  
3:10 pm

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call of Visitor.

May 4 1936.

11:30

Time

Name Francis Connor

Referred to

Details:

Stated that he would appreciate being called in the event the Director holds a press conference upon his return. He added that the press representatives are going to ask the Director if he will have such a conference upon his return; that Col. Gates will probably call the Director in connection with this. cek

Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
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Miss Gandy  
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
May 4, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent John E. Little, dated 4/24/36 at Oklahoma City. On page 10 of this report it is set out that a photograph of "Dutch" Bowman alias Jack Bowman alias Charles E. Bowman should be exhibited to Wynona Burdette, now incarcerated at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan. An undeveloped lead is set out for the Detroit Office in accordance with this information. However, the copies of Agent Little's report indicated for the Detroit Office contain no mention of an enclosure and no photograph of Bowman was received at this office.

A letter dated May 1, 1936, from Special Agent in Charge D. W. Ladd, Chicago, requests that this investigation be held up until Wynona Burdette has testified in the case against Duke Randall and Joseph Adams.

It is requested that a picture of Bowman be transmitted to the Detroit Bureau Office so that Wynona Burdette may be interviewed after she has testified in the case against Randall and Adams.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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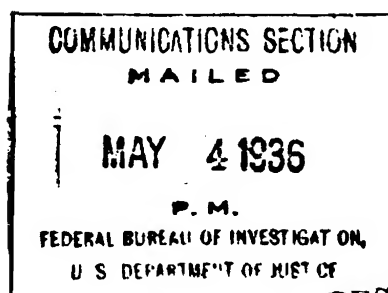
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Special Agent in Charge,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

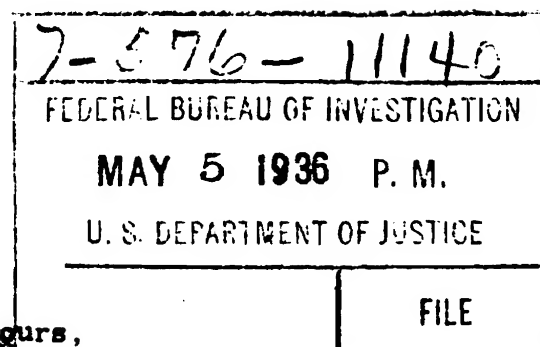
Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

— Mrs. Ruth Robsion



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Very truly yours,

CC-Bureau. ✓

AIR MAIL-  
SPECIAL  
DELIVERY

Director.

Cleveland, Ohio  
May 5, 1936

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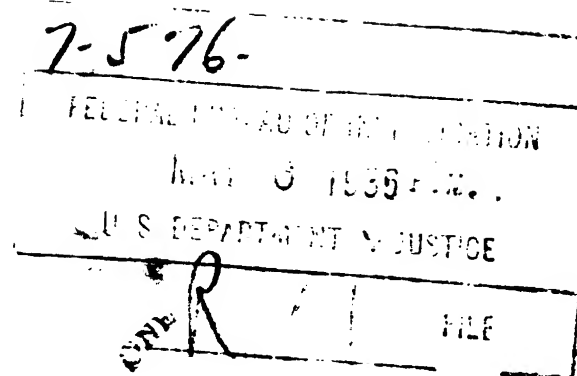
D. M. LADD  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS Building  
Chicago, Illinois

BY KIM AGENT ARMS RELIEVED THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL PROCEED  
HEADQUARTERS.

COMWILLY

W.C:h  
1:35 pm

cc: Bureau



From  
FROM MISS DUNN LIDSON  
CHIEF CLERK  
CORRESPONDENCE SECTION  
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

The Attorney General  
The Solicitor General  
The Assistant to the Attorney General  
Assistant Attorney General Blair  
Assistant Attorney General Dickinson  
Assistant Attorney General Jackson  
Assistant Attorney General Keenan  
Assistant Attorney General Morris  
Assistant Attorney General Wideman  
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Colonel Stewart, Administrative Assistant  
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Mr. Beardslee, Dir., War Risk Litigation  
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Mr. Carusi  
Miss Berard  
Mr. McClure, General Agent  
Mr. Butts, Assistant General Agent  
Mr. Sornborger, Appointment Clerk  
Mr. Holland, Division of Supplies  
Mr. Greene, Assistant Administrator  
Mr. Moore, Division of Records  
Miss Watkins, Transcription Section  
Miss Waddle  
Miss Fitzgerald  
Mr. Ford  
Mr. Hill  
Mrs. Wade  
Mr.  
Mrs.  
Miss

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Atty General Cumings

I can tell you where Mr Harry Cambel at.

Com here at once or both

/s/ Madam Harrison Aster  
1113 Pa Ave. N.W.

*Handwritten:*  
1113 Pa Ave N.W.  
Washington D.C.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.  
May 4, 1936.

7-30

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Enclosed herewith is a roughdraft copy  
of telegram which KARPIS sent to his father, John  
Karpavicz, 2842 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Ill.,  
May 3, 1936, inasmuch as the Bureau has previously  
requested additional specimens of KARPIS' handwriting.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*  
C. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CWS:SEC  
Encl. 2  
cc-Cleveland  
Chicago

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Laboratory Report

Case: Re: BREKID

Number: 7-576-11142

Specimens:

7-576-11142 A. One page containing known handwriting of Alvin Karpis  
beginning: "Please do not--".

Examination requested by: St. Paul.

Date received: 5-7-36 jwp 10:00 AM

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel (1)

CC Cleveland  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

5/7 Will be compared with all  
anonymous writings when  
additional specimens of Karpis  
to Campbell's writing, are  
received - as per instruction.  
Wm Coffey.

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Laboratory Report

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Examination requested by: St. Paul.

Date received: 5-7-36 jwp 10:00 AM 5/7

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination: *Specimen noted to be very short. The right quality of his writing for comparison* Examination by: Pickering (AE)

CC Cleveland  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FROM: DIVISION #1 DIVISION #2

1936.

TO: ☐ Director  
☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Edwards  
☐ Mr. Quinn  
☐ Mr. Tamm  
☐ Division Three

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☐ Mechanical Section ☐ Technical Laboratory  
☐ Chief Clerk's Office

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<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Lindquist	

☐ Typists, Room 4244  
☐ Mrs. Fisher  
☐ M \_\_\_\_\_ Room  
☐ Correct  
☐ Re-write  
☐ Re-date  
☐ See me  
☐ Send file  
☐ Please return

*Return orig to Dept*

*Room*  
Supervisor.

May 13, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled case, there has been received one page containing known handwriting of Alvin Karpis which is listed in the Laboratory as specimen 7-576-11142 A and begins "Please do not".

From time to time in this case various registrations and other writings have been forwarded for comparison with the known writing of Karpis and Campbell. The purpose of some of these comparisons was to ascertain the whereabouts of the fugitive. Now that the apprehension of the fugitive has been secured, undoubtedly there are handwriting comparisons for use in the further investigation to ascertain who harbored the fugitive and also in order to determine whether they wrote any of the anonymous unidentified writings in the general file.

In view of the number of comparisons which are to be made, it is desired by the Laboratory to perform this task as one continuous operation. It will, therefore, be appreciated if complete sets of specimens from each of the subjects will be obtained and submitted as soon as possible. The Laboratory also should be advised which of the anonymous writings heretofore submitted may be omitted from the comparisons.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the listed offices in order that any additional anonymous writings which it is desired to include in the search may be forwarded before the comparisons begin.

cc-Cleveland  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Mr. J. J. Connelley  
Chicago

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED

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P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 4-30-36 12-58 PM VC

DIRECTOR AND SACS CHICAGO AND CLEVELAND

PHONE. BREKTD. INFORMATION DEVELOPED THROUGH INFORMANT AT NOWATA OKLAHOMA EFFORTS

THAT BLANCHE COLLINS AND ELIZABETH COKER ALIAS PALMER ALIAS TURNER, GIRL FRIEND

AND SISTER OF SAM COKER, RESPECTIVELY, ARE PLANNING TO DRIVE TO ST LOUIS MISSOURI

IN NEXT DAY OR TWO TO SEE SAM COKER. THESE WOMEN DRIVING '35 BLACK FORD V-8

COACH THIS YEAR OKLAHOMA TAG 269-506. SAC CONNELLEY REQUESTED TO ADVISE

WHETHER SURVEILLANCE DESIRED EFFORT LOCATE COKER

BRANTLEY JEL

END

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- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Fox
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Pennington

*Ed and G. Brennan*  
*referred to informant*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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7-576-11142  
Transmit the following message to:

OKLAHOMA CITY

May 1, 1936

BREKID NO SURVEILLANCE DESIRED OF ELIZABETH COKER AND BLANCHE COLLINS

HOOVER

cc- Chicago  
St. Paul  
Cleveland  
Cincinnati

SENT VIA

145 P M

Per

KRB

Box 271  
Palm Beach Fla  
May 4, 1936

Edgar Hoover  
Jeffrey Guiler

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I believe Karfman and  
the man and woman taken  
with him, spent a week

the first part of April in  
Key West Fla. in a house  
near mine. My house was  
about three miles from  
the city on the north end  
of the island and there are  
only a few houses in that  
section. I think house was  
on a little inlet where  
I hid my boat and the  
week day I gave them  
a mess of fish. The man  
who seemed to run the

Ack. 5/9/36

cc - Chicago & Phil. Jacksonville, Ark.

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about the always the go at  
a distance. The man who  
took the fish seemed to  
be a Surinamese and his  
supposed wife, although  
having a good figure was a  
laugh looking baby. They  
had a small row boat and  
started fishing early in  
the morning and stayed out  
until late in the afternoon.  
They all work fishing with  
and had a good catch of fish.  
They always look along a  
quay every time they started  
out. The man in charge  
always insisted upon taking  
along an alarm clock as  
I heard him say "Kuth. had  
to be in town at four to  
get a deposit and he wanted  
to be sure he was there  
on time. All they did was  
to fish. They had a small

as in his h. they always parked  
at night in a hedge. They  
were such a strange crowd  
asked the man who told  
them the house if he knew  
who they were and he said  
they were strangers who  
waited a house for a week  
away from town and where  
they could fish. They rented  
their house from a <sup>Sam Curry</sup> ~~Sam Curry~~  
who is connected with the  
Gulf Refining Co. and he would  
no doubt remember the name  
they used in Key Street.  
No doubt the Stevedore Union in  
Key Street would have a record  
of any messages or money  
ordered they may have received.  
I am confident this is the  
crowd you picked up in New  
Orleans. I am only passing  
this on as information which  
no doubt is useful to you

but you'd make it for a lot  
of interesting work.

Yours Truly,  
J. J. Fennell

AR:VTL  
7-576-11144

May 9, 1936.

Mr. D. G. Benford,  
Box 271,  
Palm Beach, Florida.

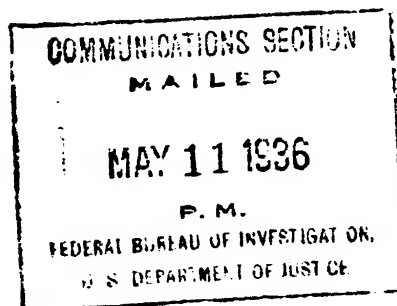
Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 4, 1936, which concerns persons who you believe were identical with Alvin Karpis and his associates as having frequented the State of Florida during April, 1936 has been noted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-Chicago  
St. Paul  
Jacksonville



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FBI TRENTON, N. J.    MAY 5, 1936    11.00 P. M.    ELR:RBT

C. D. McNEAN,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
1002 POST OFFICE AND COURT HOUSE BUILDING,  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

BREKID, HARRY HELLER, NECESSARY WITNESS HARBORING CASE TO BE TRIED  
MIAMI, FLORIDA, MAY TWENTY FIFTH NOT LOCATED FOR SERVICE SUBPOENA.  
MOTHER ATLANTIC CITY ADVISES PRESENTLY LOCATED COLONIAL THEATRE  
BOSTON. JACKSONVILLE OFFICE REQUESTS EFFORTS TO LOCATE BE  
EXPEDITED AND JACKSONVILLE ADVISED OF EXACT LOCATION.

CC - BUREAU

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WILLIAM LUNDELL  
DIRECTOR SPECIAL EVENTS  
NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
NEW YORK CITY

INRE YOUR LETTER RECEIVED THIS MORNING I MADE NO AGREEMENT WITH YOU WHATEVER  
TO ALLOW THE USE OF MY BOOK TEN THOUSAND PUBLIC ENEMIES FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT  
SOURCE MATERIAL ON ALVIN KARPIS ONLY AND FOR USE IN ONE SPECIFIC BROADCAST  
ONLY NAMELY THAT DEPICTING CAPTURE OF ALVIN KARPIS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR  
WEDNESDAY MAY SIXTH STOP ANY OTHER USE IS A VIOLATION OF MY COPYRIGHT AND WILL  
BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY STOP PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE TO ME AT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON.

COURTNEY RYLEY COOPER

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R. B. NATHAN,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
412 U. S. COURT HOUSE AND POST OFFICE,  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

BREKID, MOTHER ~~HARRY~~ HELLER STATES HARRY AT COLONIAL  
THEATRE BOSTON. BOSTON ADVISED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY VERIFY  
LOCATION AND ADVISE JACKSONVILLE

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Edw. O'Brien

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 4, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Today the writer had a conference with United States Emerich B. Freed of Cleveland, Ohio, at which time he specifically requested that he be advised as to the present whereabouts of Fred Hunter, whom the U. S. Attorney is desirous of removing to this district for prosecution in connection with the Garrettsville mail train robbery.

It was mentioned by Mr. Freed that he wanted it definitely understood that in making this request he, of course, had in mind that he was not desirous of effecting the removal of subject Hunter until such time as the Bureau representatives at New Orleans had completely interviewed him relative to his knowledge of the Brekid case and the Garrettsville mail train robbery; in other words, Mr. Freed's attitude was one indicative of a desire to fully cooperate with the Bureau by not wishing to interfere in effecting the removal of Hunter until the Bureau had fully interrogated Hunter. Mr. Freed also mentioned that he believed that Hunter should be removed to this district, because of the fact that he, Hunter, can possibly clear up the so-called Warren mail job in which two other persons have been previously convicted. He mentioned that he was especially desirous of having Hunter interviewed in regard to the Warren mail job, so that he could initiate action looking toward the release of the two men now serving time for that job.

The writer informed Mr. Freed that he believed that Hunter was being held in New Orleans and that he, the writer, was not aware of any action that was contemplated to be taken at New Orleans with reference to Hunter.

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It will be appreciated if advice as to the whereabouts of Hunter will be furnished and an indication given as to when Hunter will be turned over to the said United States Attorney.

Mr. Freed also requested that the writer keep him informed or, at least, inform him in advance of any contemplated arrests to be made in this district in connection with the Brekid investigation.

It was indicated to Mr. Freed that at this time no investigative reports were being sent to any United States Attorneys in the country reporting investigative activity in connection with this case, but that should arrests be made in this district, of necessity, the United States Attorney would have to be consulted relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

  
J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Cincinnati  
St. Paul  
Chicago

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

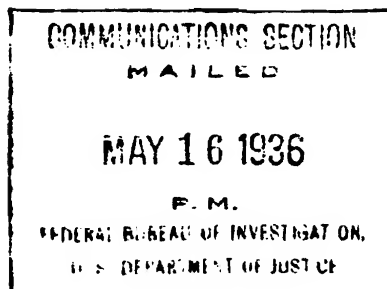
Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of May 4, 1936, advising of the request of United States Attorney E. B. Freed, of Cleveland, Ohio, to be advised of the whereabouts of Fred Hunter, I believe you should inform Mr. Freed, if you have not already done so, that Hunter is presently incarcerated in jail at New Orleans, Louisiana, in the custody of the U. S. Marshal and that Mr. Freed should take up with the Department the matter pertaining to his desire to prosecute Hunter in Ohio for mail robbery in preference to Hunter's prosecution in New Orleans upon charges of harboring Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Joseph .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....



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*Egan*

Mr. Tamm calls Dir.'s atten. to lett. from SAC MacFarland advising of inquiry from USAtty Freed as to present whereabouts of Fred Hunter, who Freed is desirous of removing to his dist. for prosecution re Garrettsville mail train robbery. Freed also mentioned he believed Hunter should be removed to that dist. because Hunter can possibly clear up the Warren mail job. Desires to have Hunter interviewed so that he can initiate action looking toward release of the 2 men now serving time for that job. Mr. Freed was told that Mr. MacFarland believed Hunter was being held in New Orl. and that he was not aware of any action contemplated to be taken at New Orl. re Hunter.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
May 4, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Louis, Missouri

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. S. Bush dated 4/28/36 at St. Louis, Missouri. On page 15 of this report reference is made to the report of Special Agent T. S. Ferguson dated 3/26/36 at St. Louis, Missouri, and states that a mail cover was placed on the mail of Mrs. Albert Edward Hill, 502 South Broadway, Urbana, Illinois, who is the sister of Mrs. Edith Kistler, mentioned in the foregoing. As a result of this mail cover, a registered letter, postmarked Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 2, 1936, bearing the return address of the R. C. Eurlison Sanitarium, Grand Rapids, was noted as having been received. An undeveloped lead is set out in Agent Bush's report for the Detroit Office to conduct appropriate investigation.

The file of this case at the Detroit Office reflects that a copy of the report of Agent Ferguson dated 3/26/36 at St. Louis, has never been received at this office.

It is requested that a copy of Agent Ferguson's report, or additional information in connection with the above mentioned parties, be furnished to the Detroit Bureau Office so that the lead contained in the report of Agent Bush can be intelligently carried out.

Very truly yours,

WBH:AM  
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cc-Bureau  
Cincinnati

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H. H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 4, 1936.

EAT:CDW

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I am attaching hereto a memorandum outlining chronologically  
the entire developments in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Respectfully,

*EAT*

E. A. TAMM.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

May 4, 1936

## MEMORANDUM

On January 17, 1934, Edward G. Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped between 8:15 and 8:45 A.M., immediately after he had driven his daughter to the Summit School. He was taken to a hide-out where he was held until February 7, 1934, when he was released near Rochester, Minnesota after the payment of \$200,000 in ransom money by Walter McGee, who was named by Bremer as the contact man.

In effecting the payment of ransom the kidnapers used four flashlights as signals. A member of the Barker-Karpis gang was identified as the purchaser of three flashlights similar to the ones used in connection with the ransom pay-off.

Although the place where Bremer was held was not immediately identified, he advised that the car in which he was returned contained a number of gasoline cans used for the purpose of refueling the gasoline tank. He stated that at a point about half way between the place where he was held and Rochester, Minnesota, the kidnapers stopped and filled the gasoline tank with gasoline from these cans. Four gasoline cans, similar to those described by Bremer, were located shortly after Bremer's release and from these cans there has been developed in the Technical Laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a latent fingerprint found to be identical with another member of the Barker-Karpis gang. Upon identifying two members of the Barker-Karpis gang as participants in this kidnaping, the Bureau commenced an intensive investigation with a view to the location and apprehension of members of this gang.

This gang is known to be composed of numerous persons, the more notorious of whom are the following: Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William Bryan Bolton, James J. Wilson, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, William Edward Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, John Joseph McLaughlin, Sr., Elmer Farmer, Harold V. Allderton, Jess Doyle, Edna Murray, Myrtle Eaton, William J. Harrison, Oliver A. Berg, Bruno Austin, Joseph H. Adams, Duke Randall, Nathaniel Heller, Cassius McDonald, Paula Harmon, Fred Barker (deceased), Kate Barker (deceased), Fred Goetz (deceased), Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette and Russell Gibson, (deceased). These individuals are known to be desperate criminals. Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker have been sought by the Sheriff's office at West Plains, Missouri, for the murder of Sheriff C. R. Kelly, during December, 1931. Arthur R. Barker was paroled from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on September 10, 1932, where he was under sentence of life for the crime of murder. Volney Davis was also serving a life sentence at the same institu-

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tion for the crime of murder and was granted leave of absence November 3, 1932, which leave of absence was extended on June 30, 1933 to July 1, 1934.

On March 22, 1934, the Attorney General announced that Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker had been definitely identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice as two of the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer.

Prior to the payment of the ransom, a list of all serial numbers of the money used in the payment was obtained. Printed copies of this list were made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and distributed to all banks in the United States. As a result of this distribution, the officials of a bank at Chicago, Illinois, on April 23, 1934, notified the Chicago office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that an individual had that day presented \$900.00 consisting of currency which had been identified as a part of the Bremer ransom money. All banks in Chicago and vicinity were immediately contacted and their attention was directed to the list of ransom bills previously furnished them with the requests that the Chicago Bureau office be immediately advised in the event an attempt was made to exchange this money.

On April 23, 1934, representatives of a large bank in the loop district, Chicago, Illinois, reported that an individual had exchanged some of the Bremer ransom money and this individual was identified as William E. Vidler, who was found to frequent a certain address of questionable reputation. As a result of the information furnished by the officials of this bank, Vidler was taken into custody and there was found on his person \$3,185.00, \$2,625.00 of which was identified as a part of the Bremer ransom money. Upon being questioned, Vidler advised that he had obtained the money from one John J. McLaughlin, Sr., known to him as "Boss" McLaughlin. On April 27, 1934, McLaughlin was taken into custody and at first stated that he knew nothing concerning the Bremer case, but when advised that his son, John J. McLaughlin, Jr., had also been taken into custody, confessed to representatives of the Bureau his participation in the exchanging of Bremer ransom money at various Chicago banks assisted by William E. Vidler and Philip J. Delaney.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation after a short period of surveillance approached John J. McLaughlin, Jr., at his place of employment. He was requested by Special Agents to accompany them to the Chicago Bureau office for questioning in connection with this case

and in acceding to the request, denied that he had worn a hat that morning. It was pointed out to him that he had been observed that morning wearing a hat and, therefore, was requested to obtain it. There was found located in his hat band a sum of \$300.00, including \$85.00 identified as part of the Bremer ransom money.

John J. McLaughlin, Sr., in confessing his part in the Bremer case, stated that he first negotiated with one Frankie Wright in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel and was later introduced by Wright to individuals known as "Izzy" and "Slim"; that he agreed to exchange the money on a 5% cut basis and understood from information furnished by "Izzy" and "Slim" that the first \$100,000 to be exchanged was the "Hamm" ransom money paid by William Hamm, Jr., of St. Paul to effect his release from a gang of kidnapers, and that \$200,000 paid by Edward G. Bremer would be forthcoming at a later date. None of the Hamm money has been located, however.

There was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 4, 1934, an indictment charging Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, John J. McLaughlin, Sr., John J. McLaughlin, Jr., William E. Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, "Slim", "Izzy", Frankie Wright, John Doe and Richard Roe with violation of the Federal Kidnaping Statute dated June 22, 1932. On June 16, 1934, Vidler, Delaney and the senior McLaughlin entered pleas of not guilty in the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, and were held in default of bonds set at \$30,000.00 each. McLaughlin, Jr. had previously been released at Chicago, Illinois on May 21, 1934, under bond of \$5,000 calling for his appearance before the United States District Court at St. Paul whenever his presence was desired. On August 14, 1934, McLaughlin, Sr., having successfully petitioned the Court for a reduction of bond was released under bond of \$15,000.00

Through investigative efforts, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation located Oliver A. Berg in Chicago, Illinois on August 22, 1934, where he has been identified as "Izzy". Pending prosecution of this case, Berg has been returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, from which institution he was classed as an escape, having failed to return after the Illinois State Appellate Court sustained the sentence of ten years to life imprisonment imposed by a lower Court after conviction on a charge of robbery with a gun.

On October 31, 1934 a continuance was granted to William Vidler and Phillip Delaney from the November Term of Court and their bond was reduced to \$5,000.00 each. They were released on the same date.

On November 2, 1934 a nolle prosequi was entered by the Federal Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, as to the indictment pending against McLaughlin, Jr.

On January 8, 1935, Arthur R. Barker was apprehended with his paramour, Mildred Kuhlman, by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as he was leaving his apartment at 432 Surf Street, Chicago, Illinois. Coincident with the apprehension of Barker, Russell Gibson was located in another section of the city by Special Agents of the Bureau and killed while resisting arrest. His wife, Clara Gibson, Bryan Bolton alias Monte Carter, and Ruth Heidt were taken into custody for questioning in connection with the case.

On January 16, 1935, Fred Barker and his mother, Kate Barker, were located in a house on Lake Weir, Oklawaha, Florida and after a gun battle with representatives of the Bureau lasting several hours, were killed while resisting arrest. On the same date, the hide-out where victim Bremer was held by his kidnapers was located at Bensenville, Illinois. Elmer Farmer and Harold Allderton were taken into custody January 16 and 17, 1935, respectively, as aiders and abettors in the kidnaping.

On January 22, 1935, the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota returned indictments superseding the indictment returned on May 4, 1934. The new indictments charged Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Elmer Farmer, Harold Allderton, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer, William J. Harrison, Bryan Bolton, John Doe and Richard Roe with the kidnaping in violation of Section 408a, Title 18, of the United States Code. A conspiracy indictment was also returned on the same date naming, in addition to those mentioned above, Joseph P. Moran, Oliver A. Berg, John J. McLaughlin, William E. Vidler, Philip J. Delaney, James J. Wilson, Jess Doyle, Edna Murray, Myrtle Eaton and one "Whitie".

The trial commenced at St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 15, 1935. Bryan Bolton entered a plea of guilty and sentence was deferred. On May 6, 1935, the charges against Jess Doyle and Edna Murray were dismissed. Bruno Austin was discharged from custody on the same date, May 6, 1935. Elmer Farmer, on May 13, 1935, during the course of the trial, entered a plea of guilty and sentence was deferred. The trial was concluded on May 16, 1935, and the following day, May 17, 1935, the jury returned a verdict of guilty as to Arthur R. Barker, Oliver A. Berg, James J. Wilson,

John J. McLaughlin, Sr., and Harold Allderton. On May 17, 1935, Barker and Berg were sentenced to life imprisonment. On June 7, 1935 Farmer was sentenced to serve 20 years; Harold Allderton was sentenced to serve 20 years; McLaughlin and Wilson were sentenced to serve 5 years. Sentence as to Bolton has been deferred. Vidler and Delaney were acquitted by the jury on May 17, 1935. Edna Murray was returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary, from which institution she was an escape, to serve the remainder of a 25-year sentence on the charge of highway robbery. Jess Doyle was delivered to county authorities at Fairbury, Nebraska, and on August 24, 1935 was sentenced to serve 10 years in the Nebraska State Penitentiary on the charge of bank robbery.

On May 3, 1935, Harry Sawyer was taken into custody by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the cooperation of local officers at Pass Christian, Mississippi, and was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota to be held in Ramsey County Jail awaiting trial. On June 1, 1935, Volney Davis was taken into custody by Special Agents of the Bureau at Chicago, Illinois, and on the following day was removed to St. Paul to await his trial. On June 7, 1935 Davis was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Soon after the return of the indictment at St. Paul, Minnesota, Special Agents of the Bureau learned the true identity of "Whitie" and found him in the custody of the Chicago, Illinois Police Department under the name of Bruno Austin alias Putis. Austin had been taken into custody on January 20, 1935, just as he was leaving a church in Chicago, Illinois immediately following his wedding. He was wanted by the State's Attorney, Cook County, Illinois on charges of robbery and bond jumping. Austin was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota to face trial, charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Bremer. On May 6, 1935 he was discharged by order of the Court. He was later arrested by the Chicago Police Department and has now pleaded guilty on the charge of murder.

After the raid at Oklawaha, Florida, which resulted in the death of Fred Barker and his mother, Special Agents conducted considerable investigation at Miami, Florida and Havana, Cuba and developed evidence to show that the fugitive, Alvin Karpis, had been concealed and harbored. On February 7, 1935 the Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida returned sixteen indictments charging Joseph H. Adams, manager of the El Commodore Hotel, Miami, Florida, Nathaniel Heller, manager of the Park View Hotel, Havana, Cuba, Henry "Duke" Randall, an orchestra leader, Cassius M. McDonald, a confidence man, Wynona Burdette, paramour of Harry Campbell, and Dolores Delaney, paramour of Alvin Karpis, with harboring, conspiracy to harbor,

misprision felony and conspiracy to commit misprision felony. Adams and Randall were also charged with unlawful possession of a machine gun in violation of the National Firearms Act.

Each of the four men named as defendants in the indictments returned at Jacksonville, Florida on February 7, 1935 were taken into custody and later released on bond. Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney were taken into custody on January 20, 1935 at Atlantic City, New Jersey, removed to Miami, Florida where they entered pleas of guilty on March 25, 1935, to charges contained in the respective indictments and were sentenced on that date to terms aggregating five years, to be served by each. The two women were committed to the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

Subsequent investigation disclosed the presence of Jess Doyle at Pittsburg, Kansas where he engaged Special Agents of the Bureau in a gun battle on the morning of February 7, 1935. Doyle proceeded to Girard, Kansas, surrendered to the Sheriff and was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota on February 11, 1935 with Edna Murray, paramour of Volney Davis, who had been taken into custody at Pittsburg, Kansas. Harry C. Stanley, brother of Edna Murray and his wife, Mary Stanley, were taken into custody February 7, 1935 at Pittsburg, Kansas and on March 12, 1935, both entered pleas of guilty, at Wichita, Kansas to an information filed by the United States Attorney charging them with harboring. Stanley was thereupon sentenced to serve six months in the Sedgwick County Jail, Wichita, Kansas and was fined \$1,000.00. Sentence of Mary Stanley was suspended for a period of five years.

On September 1, 1935, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice located the home of William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. This home is situated about two miles south of Allendale, Florida on U. S. Highway #1. At this point Weaver and Eaton had been living as man and wife using the name of J. W. Osborne. They had been operating a small chicken ranch. Weaver and Eaton were taken into custody on September 1, 1935 without any struggle, and on September 2, 1935, after signing waivers of removal, were removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they are under indictment.

On January 6, 1935, the body of an unidentified man was recovered from a burned barn in Ontarioville, DuPage County, Illinois, by the Sheriff's Office in Wheaton, Illinois. This fire had occurred on the evening of January 5, 1935. There was found near the body a pair of Octagonal shaped glasses. Harrison is known to have worn octagon glasses. There was also found near the body a wrist watch containing Elgin works, Serial #32166666, Case #0211813, size 6-0, grade 428.

Investigation by Special Agents of this Bureau disclosed that the body recovered was that of William J. Harrison. Agents on September 6, 1935 succeeded in tracing this watch to the possession of Harrison, and have ascertained that on August 21, 1933, he had this watch repaired through a jeweler friend, William T. Crosby, at 56 Clinton Street, Hammond, Indiana. Crosby's records disclosed that Crosby had referred familiarly to his friend and patron as Billie Harrison. Harrison had been known to Crosby for the past six or seven years as a bootlegger operating in Hammond and Gary, Indiana and Calumet City, Illinois.

On September 27, 1935, a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, indicted William Weaver, Cassius McDonald and Harry Sawyer, together with the following persons: Alvin Karpis, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, William J. Harrison, Bryan Bolton, Elmer Farmer and Harold Allderton, charging them with having conspired between September 15, 1933 and January 15, 1935, to violate the Kidnaping law in connection with the abduction of Edward George Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934.

Myrtle Eaton, although removed to St. Paul on September 2, 1935, after her arrest near Allandale, Florida, was not reindicted at St. Paul on September 27, 1935. It is noted that she is already under an indictment which was returned against her at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935, charging her with conspiracy to kidnap and transport Mr. Bremer in interstate commerce.

Myrtle Eaton was indicted on two counts at Orlando, Florida, on October 9, 1935, the indictment being filed at Jacksonville, Florida. The indictment charged her with harboring William Weaver on or about September 1, 1935, and in the second count charged her with conspiracy to violate Section 141 of the Criminal Code. Her bond was set at \$25,000 returnable at Jacksonville forthwith.

On October 11, 1935, Bruno Austin, who was previously a suspect in the Bremer case, was tried in the State Courts in Chicago, Illinois, charged with murder. On October 11, 1935, he was found guilty, and on the same date was sentenced to serve life imprisonment in the Illinois State Penitentiary.

Cassius McDonald was arrested by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Detroit, Michigan on September 26, 1935. On September 27, 1935 a Federal Grand Jury, sitting at St. Paul, Minnesota returned an indictment against Cassius McDonald, as noted above, charging him with conspiracy to kidnap. McDonald was arraigned before the United

States Commissioner at Detroit, Michigan on September 26, 1935, at which time he stood mute. His bond was ultimately fixed at \$25,000, in default of which he was remanded to the Wayne County Jail, Detroit, Michigan. On November 4, 1935 the United States District Court at Detroit, Michigan signed an order of removal to become effective on November 9, 1935. On November 9, 1935 McDonald was removed from Detroit, Michigan to St. Paul, Minnesota and in default of bond he was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota to await trial on January 6, 1936.

The trial of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald commenced at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 6, 1936 and on January 24, 1936 the jury returned a verdict of guilty as to all. Harry Sawyer and William Weaver were given life sentences. Cassius McDonald, his sentence being deferred until February 1, 1936, was on that date sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment.

On February 26, 1936, a Grand Jury at Tampa, Florida, returned two indictments, to be substituted for the indictment returned on October 9, 1935, filed at Jacksonville, Florida, against Myrtle Eaton, charging her in one indictment with conspiracy, together with William Weaver, to harbor and conceal him, and in the other indictment charging her in five counts with harboring and concealing William Weaver.

On April 22, 1936, Homer S. Cummings, Attorney General of the United States, under the authority vested in him by an Act of Congress approved June 6, 1934, offered a reward of \$5,000.00 for information furnished to a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, which results in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, and a reward of \$2,500.00 for information furnished to a representative of this Bureau which results in the apprehension of Harry Campbell.

At about 5:30 P. M. on May 1, 1936, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation apprehended Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, Louisiana. Fred Hunter and a woman were likewise arrested at the same time, both being in company with Karpis. This woman has for several months been the paramour and companion of Fred Hunter. The latter is presently charged with having participated with Karpis, Campbell and others in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery which occurred on November 7, 1935. Immediately after the apprehension of Karpis, he was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is under indictment in the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping cases.

Ashland Kans. May 4 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Chief, Federal Bureau Inv. Wash. D.C. 5/13/36

Dear Sir:-

I saw your description of Harry Campbell in the newspaper and I am most sure I can put my fingers on the man for you.

He is a drifter, about 36 or 38. Ruddy complexion, brown hair. Teeth noticeable when he opens mouth. Gaps between front teeth decayed. Scar on right leg. Just noticeable blue eyes. I think scar below left eye.

Been where he is six or eight months. In fine place for hiding. People unsuspicious. In country where underworlds are thick. Afraid to wire or phone. Grapevine might tell him; or truck me off.

Send detectives, or come. Protect me in reward. I am natural, born detective. Don't delay; may show out; on account of Karpis capture.

Real name Mrs. Nellie Cornell  
K-4 to self.

Yours Respectfully,  
Miss M. Abbey  
Ashland Kans  
Herself.

I believe, he will be easily gotten if I attempt to bring him in. His suspicious nature.

and Judge Cummings.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

May 13, 1936.

Miss N. Abbey,  
General Delivery,  
Ashland, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Inasmuch as Harry Campbell was apprehended by Special Agents of this Bureau at Toledo, Ohio on May 7, 1936, no action is being taken with reference to the information furnished in your letter of May 4, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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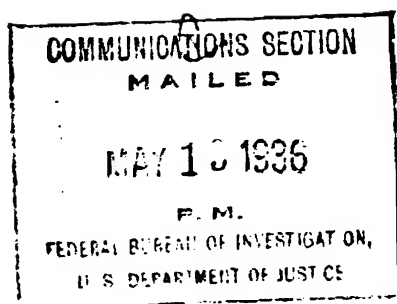
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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

May 1, 1936

Mr. William A. Moore,  
Surgical Inspector,  
U. S. Department of Commerce,  
Boeing Field,  
Seattle, Washington.

Re: BREKID

In connection with a circularization being made of wanted  
circulants or certain fugitives, whose location are desired by this  
Bureau, this office is desirous of obtaining a list of all airports  
located in the State of Washington. It will be appreciated if you  
will furnish this office with a list of the airports located in the  
State of Washington together with any information you might have as  
to the number of line services, privately owned, or otherwise, which  
operate out of each airport, the latter information being desired  
in order that each company or private individual operating a commercial  
service, or who has planes available for hire or charter purposes,  
might be furnished the wanted circulars which this office proposes to  
distribute.

Any assistance which you can give this office in this matter  
will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. G. [illegible],  
Special Agent in Charge.

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